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NEW CITY HALL GOES OVER TO NEXT COUNCIL

Old and New Council Hold Informal Meeting on City Hall Plans---Old Council in Last Meeting.

The Mayor and City Council held their last meeting on Thursday evening, and after clearing up all standing business took up the matter of a new city hall and referred the plans to the new city council with the recommendation that they be adopted. This was only after the members of the new council, who attended the informal meeting, expressed a wish that the matter be left to them, assuring the outgoing board that they were heartily in favor of the new city hall and the plans submitted and would do everything to see that they were carried out.

All of the members were present and there was very little business to take the attention of the members.

The petition of John Newick for an incandescent light on Morning street was granted.

Councilman White, for the committee on claims, reported favorably on the claims of C. [illegible] for $7.50, and Thomas Hogan [illegible] and the report was accepted and the bills ordered paid.

The petition of the Rockingham County Electric Light and Power Co for relocations of poles on various streets, was reported favorably by Inspector of Wires Ballard, with the exception of the Mulberry street, where the present location was all right, and Vaughan street, where he opposed an extra pole location, for in his opinion it was unnecessary and a stouter pole to replace the present one would be sufficient. With these two exceptions the locations were granted.

Reports and Bills

The annual report of City Clerk Hilton showing receipts of $3809.88 and expenditures of $25.21 was read and accepted and placed on file.

18 junk licenses	$385.00
14 gasolene licenses	14.00
16 sewer connections	435.16
13 pedlar's licenses	221.00
9 bowling and pool licenses	323.34
5 theatre licenses	725.00
Circus license	[illegible]
Sidewalks	[illegible]
Pawnbroker's license	[illegible]
Grass at city [illegible]	[illegible]
Poor department	[illegible]
United States government, [illegible]	
Credit waterworks	59.06
City treasurer, by vote of council	25.21
Dog licenses, less fees allowed by public statutes	1,360.74
Total receipts	3,809.88
Expenditures	$ 25.21
Paid to city treasurer	$3,784.67

The annual report of Chief Engineer John D. Randall was also read and accepted.

The city auditor's report of bills amounting to $1,098.11 were ordered paid.

City Hall Under Discussion

The council then went into an informal session at which [illegible] elect of the [illegible] were present to discuss the [illegible] city hall.

Councilman Harry [illegible] explained the plans and the [illegible] have been under consideration [illegible] council for the past week or more [illegible]

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NEW RECTOR FOR ST. JOHN'S

Rev. Harold M. Folsom Is to Come Here from Biddeford

Reverend H. W. Folsom, B. A., rector of Christ church, Biddeford, Me., has been named to succeed the late Reverend Henry Emerson Hovey as rector of St. John's church in this city.

Although coming from the diocese of Maine, the new rector is of an old New Hampshire family, the first of which settled in Exeter in 1647. Educated at Bowdoin and Trinity colleges the University of Maine and at the General Seminary in New York city, he was advanced to the diaconate in 1904 and appointed curate at Christ church, Biddeford, Me., of which in 1905 he was made vicar upon being advanced to the priesthood, becoming rector of the same later in that year. During his charge the parish has grown much stronger and a large parish house has been built.

As a member of the Board of Missions of the diocese of Maine, chairman of the diocesan committee on finance and secretary of the Diocesan School commission he has served the church outside of his parish, and as [illegible] the York County Branch [illegible] Red Cross society, a [illegible] Maine Child Labor [illegible] of the York Co[illegible] society and a director [illegible] Public Library, he [illegible] interest in matters pert[illegible] the general welfare of this [illegible] city at large.

It is expected [illegible] the new rector will assume charge early in February.

Where he will reside is yet to be decided. The old rectory on Chapel street is not in good condition and extensive repairs would be necessary should the parish care to put it to use for the new pastor. It is most likely that new quarters will be established as a parish residence in another locality.

Praise from Biddeford

The Biddeford Journal publishes the following:

Mr. Folsom came to Biddeford about six years ago and since that time the parish of which he has had charge has grown very noticeably in numbers and influence. When Mr. Folsom came here, the church home was located on Bacon street, but the old church home has been sold and new property, formerly the Simon Newcomb place, has been purchased; and the present commodious parish home erected.

Mr. Folsom has many unfinished plans in connection with his work in this city, which include the erection of a church edifice on the balance of the South street property, besides many others which shall add to the spiritual and temporal welfare of his parish, and it is with much regret that he even considers the giving over of these plans to another.

The Portsmouth parish to which Mr. Folsom has received the call, is one of the oldest in this section of New England. It dates back to 1732. It is also one of the wealthiest. Of course the pastorate of such a parish offers great opportunity and the desire to accept such a call is naturally strong.

EVENTS OF ELIOT

Year Closes with Coldest Morning of Month

State Grange Officer to Install the Local Grange Officers

Eliot, Me., Dec. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Falconer returned on Thursday from a Christmas visit in Lynn, Mass. They say that there is much less snow here than in Massachusetts.

A circle supper at the Congregational vestry was not given on Wednesday evening as had been planned.

The next county attorney for York county is likely to be from the northern part of the county.

Ralph Remick is hauling to New Castle the timber sawed in the recent Urch and Tuttle steam sawmill operation on Bolt Hill. It will be used in rebuilding the New Castle toll bridge for Major Urch.

Postmaster and Mrs. Harry L. Staples of South Eliot are visited by Miss Muriel Lovering and Miss Marguerite Riley of Manchester, N. H.

State Secretary E. H. Libby is to install the officers of John F. Hill grange on Wednesday evening, Jan. 5.

Tax Collector Maurice S. Leach has advertised two non-resident pieces of real estate for sale.

This morning established a new record for this winter's cold, the temperature being several degrees below Wednesday's low mark. The figures range from five degrees above alongside the salt water to nine below at the car barn just across the town line into South Berwick.

William O. Kennard went to [illegible]ton this morning to spend a few days there.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Herald Extends Greetings to Its Thousands of Readers

The Herald wishes one and all of its readers a bright, prosperous and happy New Year, and is satisfied that they will be happy to a great extent if they continue to read the Herald for all the best and live local news of Portsmouth and vicinity.

The ensuing year will find this paper buster than ever, fighting for all that is good in the uplifting of Portsmouth and Portsmouth's interests, and at the same time giving its readers the news of the city complete, when it is news.

THE OLD OUT AND NEW IN

The old year of 1910 will bid us goodby at 12 o'clock tonight. Many will watch it depart and the arrival of the next number on the calendar 1910.

THE WEATHER

Friday night and Saturday—Fair and not so cold with moderate winds from the west or south.

The river is alive with sea gulls.

Geo. B. French Co

YOUR DOMESTIC NEEDS

FILLED WITH ENTIRE SATISFACTION AT THE FRENCH STORE.

Outings, Flannelettes, Duckling Fleece, Flannels and Every Need in Domestics.

It will be to your advantage to fill your needs at this store, besides getting the best qualities you also get the lowest possible prices.

The line is complete and new in every respect and there's not a need that can't be filled.

Values are one of the strongest points of our display. They are better than you can get elsewhere and every purchase means a saving.

GINGHAMS, ETC.

New Spring Ginghams, Checks, Plaids, Stripes, all new patterns ..... 10c and 12½c
Percales, yard wide, best grade, Light, Medium and Dark Patterns 12½c
Dark Prints for Comforters 5c
Patch Work Prints ..... 6c yard
Dress Ginghams, a few patterns under price ..... 6¼c and 8c
Printed Foulards ..... 7½c yard
Apron Check Ginghams 9c
Serpentine Crepes 17c
Crepes, Plain Colors ..... 10c and 15c yard

BLANKETS.

White Blankets, fleeced, colored borders ..... 69c, 75c, $1.00, $1.38, $1.50 pair
Gray Blankets, fleeced, Blue or Red borders 59c, 75c, $1.00, $1.32, $1.75, $2.25
Fine Blankets, in part or all wool, Blue, Red or Pink borders, at ..... $3.00, $3.50, $4.00, $5.00, $5.50 upwards

COMFORTABLES.

Silkoline Covered, full sizes in figured patterns, well made ..... $1.00, $1.12, $1.39, $1.50 each
Sateen Covered Comfortables, light colors, pretty designs, filled with best cotton, at ..... $2.00 and $2.50 each

FLANNELS.

Outing Flannels, Light or Dark Stripes, Checks, etc ..... 6¼c, 8c, 10c yard
Bleached Domet Flannel ..... 6¼c yard
Skirting Flannels, Navy Blue ..... 25c, 37½c yard
Moleskin Flannels 15c
Duckling Fleece for Kimonas, etc 12½c
Veloset Flannels with Side Bands 15c
Sablettes Flannelette, Light and Dark 10c
Surat Flannelette, Persian Patterns 10c

SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES.

Seamed Sheets, 81x90 ..... 49c each
Seamed Sheets, 81x90 ..... 69c each
Pillow Cases, 42x36 and 45x36 ..... 10c each
Pillow Cases, 42x36 ..... 11c
Pillow Cases, 45x36 ..... 12½c
Unbleached Cotton, yard wide 6c
Brown Sheeting, 76 inches wide, special value 20c
Same 81 inches wide 22½c

BLANKET WRAPPER OR BATH ROBE PATTERNS.

Pinks, Grays, Brown, Blue, Figured and Plaids ..... $2.25, $2.75, $3.25, $3.75 each

LADIES' HOME JOURNAL PATTERNS.

Geo. B. French Co

TELEPHONE DETECTOR

To Tell Who is the One "Rubbering"

Washington, Dec. 31.—A. C. Howard of Holdredge, Neb., who has spent much of his time during the last three years making practical improvement in the telephone, has invented a device to prevent "rubbering in" by telephone patrons on party lines.

This invention is a small mechanical device no larger than an ordinary alarm clock.

With all the 'phones on a line equipped with the indicators, the troubles of the "rubber" would begin. The moment a receiver is taken from a hook a signal is passed out [illegible] the line, and as each 'phone has a different signal, it is known at once whose receiver is down. If two people are conversing and a third party desires to quietly over hear the conversation he cannot do so without sending out his signal as he takes down his receiver, thus letting those talking know which 'phone cut in.

Cater and Benfield sold 100 doz. of Suffolk canned goods in 3 hours this morning.

Tungsten Lamps

AT REDUCED PRICES.

Until further notice, prices for Tungsten Lamps, when old lamps are returned, will be as follows:

25 Watt Lamp ..... $ .50
40 " " ..... .65
60 " " ..... .90
100 " " 1.10
150 " " 1.50
250 " " 2.25

Rockingham County Light & Power Co

J. S. WHITAKER, Supt.

THAT NEW CITY HALL

Samuel W. Emery, Jr., Asks As to the Taxes

Editor of the Herald:—After reading an account of last night's meeting of the outgoing city government with reference to the erection of a new city building, I desire to call the attention of the tax payers of the city to a few figures relating to the city's condition, and give a few reasons why the city at this time cannot afford the luxury of a new city building.

Much has been said of late about the economy of recent city administrations, and it is a fact that the city government for the past four years have been honest, painstaking and conscientious, but it is also true that these four city governments have had each year more money to spend for the city than any other four city governments in our history.

Note the amounts of money raised by taxes and paid to the city treasurer each year for the support of the city, together with the tax rate:

	Taxes paid Treasurer	Balance uncollected	Tax rate
1896	$157,222.90		$20.60
1897	160,113.85		20.60
1898	165,327.65		21.00
1899	162,519.54		20.60
1900	163,440.53		20.80
1901	179,296.71		22.50
1902	180,394.29		22.00
1903	196,549.22		23.50
1904	187,262.74		22.60
1905	227,277.07		28.00
1906	224,383.66		27.50
1907	216,249.53		25.50
1908	193,497.81	$10,561.53	23.50
	(estimated)		
1909	212,497.70		23.50

It will be seen from these tables that prior to 1905 the tax rate was never in excess of $22.60 with the exception of one year when it was $23.50. The following year it was jumped to $28.00, the increase being devoted, a sit was understood by the people, for extinguishing the floating debt which it was claimed then existed. It was explained that in 1906 the tax rate would be restored to its normal rate of about $2.00 but for some unexplained reason it was put at $27.50. In 1907 it was $25.50. In 1908, $23.50, and in 1909 the same.

Is it fair to compare the present tax rate of $23.50 with the tax rate of $28.00 made in 1905 and argue from it that any city government is entitled to credit for making this reduction, because the increase was made to extinguish a special debt, which has been extinguished, leaving no reason for its continuance? The present tax rate should be compared with the tax rates from 1893 to 1903, which averaged about twenty or twenty-one dollars. Therefore our present tax rate is too high as compared with our old tax rates, and it is too high as compared with the tax rates of other cities and towns in the state; and the whole energy of the city government next year should be to reduce this tax rate.

The net debt of the city from 1896 to date is shown as follows:

	Net debt
1894	$ 596,940.15
1895	676,940.15
1896	769,740.15
1897	769,240.15
1898	742,935.08
1899	743,757.38
1900	767,433.82
1901	793,910.77
1902	863,168.55
1903	989,097.50
1904	1,009,546.70
1905	1,004,177.81
1906	975,752.07
1907	901,346.84
1908	853,568.06
1909, Oct. 1	816,102.54

Since 1904 the net debt has been reduced $205,000 but the tax payers must remember that since 1904 we have had the highest series of tax rates in this or any other city in the state, and the increase in the tax rate would more than offset the reduction in the net debt figured on the total valuation of the city.

The bearing of all these figures is this,—that it has been costing too much under the system to run the city, and inasmuch as our net debt today is $816,000 and it is costing practically $200,000 a year to pay the ordinary running expenses of the city, can the tax payers afford to have the city government spend from $60,000 to $150,000 for a new city building at this time?

If this is done of what use has it been to skimp and scrape in the past four years, and of what use has it been to tremendously increase the tax rate in the past four years, if now that the net debt has been reduced thereby $200,000 we increase it again by issuing from $60,000 to $150,000 worth of new bonds? Of what use is it to get the bonded debt of the city below the debt limit, to turn around instantly and issue new bonds to put it up to the debt limit again?

$6,000 will fix over the city building well enough. The Water Board can occupy a part of the assessors' room. The assessors are now occupying the entire council chamber and do not need one-quarter of that room.

What great public demand is there for a new city building? Has any meeting of the citizens been asked for on this? There is no doubt that if a meeting of the citizens was called to get an expression of opinion it would be practically unanimous against a new city building at this time.

It must be a matter of relief that this question has gone over to the next city government, and it is to be hoped that before the next city government does anything in the premises it will give the people of the city a chance to express their opinions about this extravagance.

SAMUEL W. EMERY, JR.

FOUND—A pair of Spectacles. Apply at store of Henry Peyser & Son. d31,hc,tf

Fennett and Moulton Co. will present "The College Girl" at Music Hall this afternoon.

AT THE STAPLES STORE

Saturday After Supper Sale Commencing at 6 O'clock

Long Muslin Curtains with Hemstitched ruffles After Supper 24c pr
Womens Extra Heavy Outing Flannel Night Robes, For This Sale 48c
Ladies' Flannelette Wrappers Cardinal only. Sizes 32, 34, & 36 $1.25 & $1.50 val 69c
Men's Natural Half Hose, While they last. 10c pr
36in Brown Sheeting usual price 7½c yd After Supper 6¼c yd
Pearl Buttons in all Sizes. After Supper Price 4c do[illegible]
Children's Hemstitched Handkerchiefs all white Only 5 to a customer 1[illegible]
Fancy Soap 3 cakes in box, regular Price 25c box. This Sale 12[illegible]
Black Linen Finish [illegible] Thread. After Suppe[illegible]
Ironing Wax. [illegible] day night only 6[illegible]

LEWIS E. STAPLES, 7 MARKE[illegible]

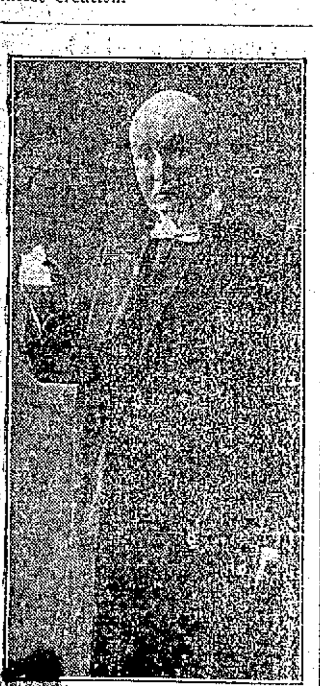
WHAT WE SAY IS S[illegible]

Theatrical Topics.

Next Tuesday's Show

Following its run of an entire season at Weber's Music Hall, New York, "The Girl from Rector's" will be seen in this city, at Music Hall next Tuesday.

Paul M. Potter is the author of the work, and, despite the fact that his past has been identified with plays of a serious nature, he hit upon a vein of humor in "The Girl" which astonished even his most ardent admirers. It is a long step from a play of the nature of "Trilby," of which he was the author, to an offering like that of his latest creation.



"PROF. MABOON,"
in "The Girl from Rector's."

The New York critics declare that he has made a name for himself in the field of comedy which will survive his former reputation. There isn't a dull line throughout "The Girl from Rector's," and not a situation that cannot be understood and appreciated by any one.

The success of the piece may be judged from the fact that its earning capacity at Weber's was many times greater than that of the same house when the Weber and Fields' offerings there were the sole topic of New York's theatre-going public.

New Week of Grand Opera

That Boston's appetite for Grand Opera is till at its keenest point has been proved by the great season sale for the Metropolitan Opera company engagement for the week of January 10. The general sale for single performances opens Monday morning. Mail orders are being filled in order of their receipt.

This is the first appearnce in Boston of the big Metropolitan organization under the present management of Gatti-Casazza, and Andreas Dippel, which has marked a new era in the American opera. The Metropolitan has visited Boston in the past with great stars in its casts, but never, it is said, with anything approaching the artistic ensemble now attained.

The season opens Monday night with Tristan und Isolde with the following cast, Mmes. Fremstad or Gadski, Homer, MM. Burrian, Amato or Whiterhill, Blass, Reiss, Hall, Muhlmann. Of these Amato, said to have the most perfect baritone voice on the operatic stage, is now in Boston. He is a discovery of Arturo Toscanini. Most music lovers, by the way, are taking the deepest interest in the appearance of Toscanini as conductor. For nine years Toscanini conducted at La Scala, Milan, where his reading of Wagner commanded the ...otion of all music readers of Europe. He is said to be a man of astonishing personal magnetism. Modest and retiring in disposition, almost to the point of indifference. He ...own the world how little ...gn means in music and is re... from St. Petersburg to New ... a master authority. His ... prodigious, and he invariably ...ts without score. He will ... of "Tristan" in Boston.

...ay night the cast of ... be Mmes. Destinn, ...ski, Homer or Winck... Forsell or Goritz, ...herspoon, Hinckley, ...ose success with ... Augusta, ...y Orchestra is a ...samaquoddy ...ast winter, will ...bers 454, a do... here as Elsa, the year, accord... Opera, port of the agen... the Swed- The policement had little or noth... Geraldine year. year ago ... donna, built at Peter Dav... greatest announcement was ... are MM. would be named f... was first incarcer... evening, fear of this has b... the most first arrest has y... the Metropolitan Opera. Slezak the gigantic mellow-voiced Czeck tenor together with Mmes. Gadski, Homer, Flahaut or Mentschick, MM. Slezak, Amato or Gilly.

On Saturday afternoon, Parsifal will be sung by Mme. Fremstand as "Kundry" and MM. Burrian, Forsell or Whitehill, Goritz, Blass, Witherspoon.

A COWBOY'S ROMANCE

Well Presented at Music Hall by the Bennett and Moulton Co.

"A Cowboy's Romance" was the title of the opening attraction offered by the Bennett and Moulton Co. at Music Hall on Thursday evening and it delighted a large audience. The company is a good one and the members well cast. It is a western production, but not of the blood and thunder variety.

The cast included:

Walter Davis as Johnny, a cowboy.

Walter Deluna as Chester Newcomber, a tenderfoot.

Herbert Butler as Elisha Young, a grandson of Brigham Young.

John T. Sully as Elder Lemuel Burgess, a Mormon.

Charles E. Landie as Simon Brockway, a ranch owner.

George W. Gebow as Telluride, a rustler.

John J. Sully as Judge Peters, a legal light.

Walter Deluna as Crazy Dog, an Apache.

Adelaide Nye as Helen Brockway, Brockway's daughter.

Marione Francis as Indiana, of Norton's outfit.

Marie Cook, as Sarah, a half-breed.

Between the acts some exceedingly clever vaudeville acts were given. Robertia, in a slack wire and bounding rope act was good. Ballinger, flying trapese act, was fine. Inone, in Silence and Fun, Sully and Phelps, comedy entertainers, hall and Pray, comdy musical artists, and Laudie and Nye in illustrated songs.

The list of plays for Friday and Saturday is:

"The Great Delmar Handicap," Friday afternoon.

"The College Girl," Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

"When the Bell Tolls," Saturday evening.

THE WATER FRONT

Fort of Portsmouth, Dec. 31

Latest Arrivals.

Schooner Jordan L. Mott, Torrey, Boston for Rockland, Me., returning.

Tug Piedmont, Sundberg, Baltimore, towing barge No. 15, with 1600 tons of coal to the Portsmouth Coal company.

Tug Paoli, Merrill, South Amboy, N. J., towing barge Haverford, with 1200 tons of coal to Charles E. Waller.

Tug Nemasket, Betts, Elizabethport, N. J., towing barge Nesquehoning, with 1500 tons of coal to the Portsmouth Coal company.

Tug Lykens, Hammond, Portland, Me., towing two light barges for Philadelphia.

Tug Lenape, Lloyd, Philadelphia, towing barge Treverton, with ... tons of coal to the Portsmouth Coal company.

Sailed.

Tug Lykens, towing barge Coralice and two others, for Philadelphia.

Tug Piedmont, towing barge No. 23, for Baltimore, via Boston.

Tug Nemasket, Boston.

Tug Paoli, Boston.

WOULD IMPROVE SERVICE

Train Dispatching on Boston and Maine Railroad May Some Day Be Partly Done Here

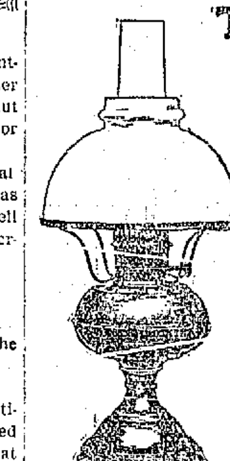
Train Dispathers Waterhouse and Marden, who have been dispatching trains from the Boston and Maine station since the storm of Sunday, concluded their duties on Thursday and today took up their regular trick in the dispatchers' office at Boston. Portsmouth depot appears to be the emergency point for train dispatching for many years when storms wreck the wires and it is the opinion of railroad men that part of the service could be improved to some extent if part of the dispatching was done here regularly.

A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

It is believed that Judge Charles F. Stone of Laconia will retire on account of ill health and that Governor Quinby will name as his successor either John M. Mitchell of Concord or Oliver W. Branch of Manchester.

Dyspepsia is America's curse. Burdock Blood Bitters conquors dyspepsia every time. It drives out impurities, tones the stomach, restores perfect digestion, normal weight, and good health.

The Sewing Light
The Rayo Lamp



makes the long evening brilliant with its steady white light for sewing or reading. Made of brass, nickel plated and equipped with the latest improved central draft burner.

The Rayo is a low-priced lamp, but you cannot get a better lamp at any price.

Once a Rayo user, always one

Every Dealer Everywhere. If Not At Yours, Write for Descriptive Circular to the Nearest Agency of the

STANDARD OIL COMPANY
(Incorporated)

NEW CITY HALL GOES OVER TO NEXT COUNCIL

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already stated in this paper, the plans are a new set, and call for a building 58 wide and 93 long, of three stories and it would cost about $60,000. This building, as provided for in the plans, would house all of the city officials, and include a modern and up to date police station.

The building is intended to meet the requirements for the next twenty-five years. Mr. Boynton said that two sites had been considered. One on the corner of State and Church streets, that 107 feet on State, 148 on Church and 108 on Porter, but this lot could not probably be bought for less than $20,000.

The other lot was the Lord or Morrison lot on the corner of Middle and State and extending back to Porter street. It had a State street frontage of 15 feet, 167 on Middle and 108 on Porter street. This lot was on the market for $12,000. The Greenleaf lot had an earning capacity of $110 per month and could not be condemned under the figures mentioned. Mr. Boynton stated that the city was now in a position where they could make such an expenditure by issuing bonds. Now they were below their borrowing capacity and the debt was being reduced at the rate of between thirty to forty thousand dollars, so that in two years they would not have any larger net debt if the city hall was built. The interest account on the proposed building would be $2,100 less $250 from the rent of the Water Commissioner's office, making a net interest charge of $1850. With the present condition of the city's finances, the council were assured of a reduction of at least $1 per thousand in tax rate, including the city hall interest charge.

On the disposition of the old building he said that the council thought to sell it at auction and it would bring possibly as much as the Greenleaf lot, and at any rate, more than the Lord lot. This would take care of the lot, and possibly leave a surplus to work on.

He said that the members elect of the new council had been invited to attend so that they could discuss the matter. The only need for haste was that it would take at least three months to get out the plans and specifications for the building, ready for the bids, and the council were undecided whether they would vote to accept the plans, so that the matter could be rushed, or leave it to the new council.

Mr. Arthur H. Locke of the council elect, inquired if the old court house had been considered, and Mr. Boynton said that it would be needed soon for a central fire station.

Mr. Locke, when asked how he felt in the matter of the council acting on the plans, said he thought they should leave it over to the incoming board. The plans looked all right to him, and he favored a new city hall, but he would like to consider the plans a little more, although he was willing to accept the responsibility if the present council voted to accept the plans.

Councilman elect Stoddard and Bailey had not considered the matter sufficiently, and Councilman Elect Littlefield thought a new city hall was needed, but hoped the city would not get another white elephant like the high school building. Councilman Elect Trafton was heartily in favor of the new city hall, the plans and the Morrison lot, and he would promise to use every effort to see that they were speedily carried out.

Councilman White explained to the new members that the council only wanted to accept plans to start the matter going.

Mr. Locke gave other reasons why he thought the plans should be referred to them.

The council then came to order and on motion of Councilman Boynton it was voted that the city hall be referred to the next city council, with recommendation that the present plans be adopted and that the city hall be built.

On motion of Councilman Boynton a vote of thanks was extended to Mayor Adams, for his courtesy during the past year, and at the same time Mr. Boynton thanked the council for their corporation during the year.

After thanking the council Mayor Adams declared the council adjourned without date.

WAR AUTOMOBILE WORKS WELL IN EXPERIMENTS

Cadillac Equipped with Rapid Fire Gun Theoretically Proves Efficiency Against Enemy in Soaring Airship

United States army officers and authorities of the Northwestern Military Academy are conducting interesting experiments at Chicago which seem to prove—theoretically, at least—the efficiency of armed automobiles against airships in time of war.

Some time since, the commandant of the Northwestern purchased a Cadillac Thirty and had it equipped with a rapid fire gun. He announced at the time his belief in the adaptability of the motor car to use against the enemy and that he proposed to satisfy himself at least and doubtless some of the higher army officers.

To complete the experiment equipment, one of the army dirigible balloons was loaned by the war department; and the automobile detachment is supported by a motor cycle squad.

On several different occasions the airship has ascended and maneuvered as it would on scouting duty; and each time (theoretically) has been punctured by shots and brought to the ground a mass of tangled wreckage.

The automobile in action carries four men—a driver, a gunner, and two men in the tonneau. The motor cycle squad are armed with high power carbines; and this part of the experiments also has been very gratifying to the army men.

When the experiments at Chicago have been concluded, it is possible that the Cadillac will be taken to Washington and further experiments conducted there.

NAVY ORDERS

Captain J. M. Helm, from duty a captain of navy yard, Boston, to command Wabash.

Ensign R. E. Gillmor, from Independence and granted leave one month.

Midshipman C. A. Lucas, from New York to Georgia.

Midshipman O. C. Green, from New York to Georgia.

Midshipman J. E. Austin, from South Dakota and dismissed from service.

Surgeon J. S. Taylor, from New York to Mississippi.

Passed Assistant Surgeon A. L. Robnett, from duty Naval Hospital, Boston, to naval training station, Narragansett Bay, R. I.

Paymaster E. E. Goodhue, to Wabash as pay officer and additional duty navy yard, Boston.

Sailed—Nina from Charleston for Norfolk; Hist from Guantanamo for Niquero; Maryland and Colorado from Nagasaki for Woosung; South Dakota and California from Yokohama for Woosung; West Virginia and Pennsylvania from Hongkong for Nagasaki; Tennessee and Washington from Shanghai for Yokohama.

The vessels of the Atlantic fleet now at New York city, the Connecticut, the Kansas, the Vermont, the Minnesota, the New Hampshire, the Nebraska, the New Jersey, the Rhode Island, the Wisconsin and the Missouri, will leave on Jan. 6 for Guantanamo bay, arriving about Jan. 11 or 12.

The Idaho and the Mississippi leave Philadelphia Jan. 5 to join the fleet off Delaware capes. The Louisiana, the Georgia and the Virginia remain at Norfolk yard until repairs are completed, thence to Guantanamo bay. The Atlantic fleet remains at Guantanamo bay until about May 1 and then returns North.

NEW CASTLE

Rev. James T. Berry Is to be the New Pastor

New Year's Greetings from the Town on the Island

New Castle, Dec. 31.

Happy New Year! We pass the salutation in good spirits and full confidence. The light to which the world awakens Saturday morning will be that of the first sunrise of a new year. A ... in history is closed, the leaf is turned and at this point the illumination spreads over pages now blank. What has it ... in store for us. The veil of the mysterious future still conceals the answer and will be raised slowly with the regular and slow drop of the sands of the hour glass to disclose the solution. There are not many who can withstand the spell which this season casts upon us. We are forced to remember that there is such a thing as time and that it is carrying each of us away. And yet if this is a painful thought the cause is to be found wholly within ourselves for we were created to be the masters of time and not its cringing slaves. If we employ it wisely it produces in us a serenity which no thought of the future can disturb, otherwise it's flight is like a troubled dream. Looking ahead from this parting of the years the future is rose-colored. And while we cannot see a single step of the untrod, unknown way but with the assurance in Job 23-10, "He knoweth the way that I take," we can cross the brink of the new-born year and accept without a shadow of fear the future awaiting us. May the New Year's worst day be better than the Old Year's best for those who read these lines and may they have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. James White have returned from a visit with their son in Boston.

Mr. George Roth, who passed Yule-tide with relatives, has returned to his duties in West Newton.

Mr. Charles Hall, who has been passing a brief vacation with John Hall and family, has returned to his home in Foxboro, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cuskley, who have been visiting Leander White and family have returned to their home in Portland.

Mr. Ashton is the guest of relatives in Portsmouth.

Mrs. Sarah White, who has been seriously ill is now safely convalesant.

Preparation for the Knights of Pythias fair, Jan 4-5-6, goes merrily on.

Electrical engineer Harry Strong of Portland is working at Fort Stark.

Rev. James T. Berry of Vermont has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Congregational church for the coming year.

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State of New Hampshire.
Rockingham, ss.
January Term, 1910.

TO THE SUPERIOR COURT.

The undersigned respectfully represent that they are stockholders in the Portsmouth Academy, a corporation organized by law and located at Portsmouth in said County and state and are the owners of more than one-fourth of the capital stock of said corporation.

That said corporation issued 38 shares of stock of which 12 shares are owned by the undersigned. That said corporation was organized for "the education and instruction of youth." That there is no further demand for such a corporations: that it has disposed of its property and has in its Treasury a sum less than one hundred (100) dollars.

Wherefore they pray for a decree of dissolution of said corporation and for such other and further relief as may be just.

Edward H. Adams,
Sol'r. for
the petitioners.
JAMES R. MAY,
JAMES R. MAY, Exr. of the estate of Louisa C. May.
ALFRED L. ELWYN,
JOSEPH W. PIERCE,
JOSEPH W. PIERCE, Exr. of the estate of John Pierce,
SARAH R. B. TREDICK,
by their Attorney,
Edward H. Adams.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT—
Rockingham, ss.

This petition having been filed in the office of the Clerk of said Court this twenty third day of December, 1909:

It is ordered, that said petitioners notify whom it may concern to ap- the office of the Clerk of said Court to be holden at Exeter in said County, on the third Tuesday of February next; then and there to show cause, if any they have, why the prayer thereof should not be granted, by causing a true and attested copy of said petition and this order thereon to be published once a week for three successive weeks in the Portsmouth Herald, a newspaper printed at Portsmouth in said County, the last publication whereof to be at least thirty days before said third Tuesday of February.

Attest, C. H. KNIGHT, Clerk.
A true copy of the original petition and of the original order thereon.
Attest, C. H. KNIGHT, Clerk.
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On Page Seven.

ASSETS REACH $400,000,000

Wickersham's Claim Concerning Tobacco Combine

CIRCUIT COURT FINDINGS

Attorney General Thinks They Are Not Broad Enough and Asks Supreme Court to Extend Their Scope—Gives Specific Instances of "Wicked and Unfair" Methods of Trust—Wants a Receivership

Washington, Dec. 31.—In a printed brief of 268 pages, Attorney General Wickersham and his special assistant, J. C. Reynolds, presented to the supreme court of the United States the case of the government in the famous tobacco trust cases, which will be argued next week in that court.

The cases were tried in the United States circuit court for the southern district of New York, which, after dismissing the petition as to foreign tobacco companies and some of the subordinate American companies, adjudged the others to be parties to an unlawful conspiracy and enjoined them from continuing their operations and from engaging in interstate commerce.

The attorney general takes the position that those findings, sweeping as they seem to have been, were not broad enough, and he asked the supreme court to so widen their scope as to take in the foreign companies and some individuals who were relieved from the operation of the verdict. Many other extensions of the judgment are also requested.

After showing that in 1890 competition was free, the various coalitions are traced in the document, and facts are given to show that the combination has grown until its combined assets amount to $400,000,000.

It is asserted that the combination manufactures all of the cigarets for export and almost three-fourths of the smoking tobacco and of the cigarets for domestic sale, more than three-fourths of the plug, twist and fine cut tobacco, and almost all of the snuff and little cigars that are made.

It is declared that "the defendants have persistently exercised duress, have practised wicked and unfair methods and used their great power in oppresive ways."

Further, it is asserted that they have been actuated by a fixed purpose to destroy competition and obtain monopolies.

Coming down to specific instances relative to the operations of the trust, it is declared that substantially all established jobbers in New England were induced to throw out independent products, as were those of Philadelphia, New York and many other specified places.

The advertising methods of the trust are referred to as a means of influencing both business and public sentiment, and it is said that not less than $10,000,000 were expended in this way in the single year of 1906.

The attorney general seems inclined to the view that a receiver should be appointed for the business of the parties to the combination, and he adds:

"The very existence of certain defendants is criminal and certainly they cannot rightfully complain because restrained from carrying out the unlawful purposes of their creation; they are wilfully in positions where every act is a transgression."

IN LIST WITH SMALLPOX

Lowell Authorities to Make Strenuous Fight Against Consumption

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 31.—As part of a determined war on the white plague, after Jan. 1, 1910, every house in Lowell in which death occurs from tuberculosis must be as thoroughly disinfected as in cases of scarlet fever or smallpox.

This action comes at the suggestion of Dr. Martin of the Lowell board of health, who claims that statistics prove that unless premises occupied by tubercular patients are thoroughly disinfected, later tenants are liable to become infected with the disease.

Floors, walls, woodwork, must all be thoroughly scrubbed with disinfectants, paper renewed, and painting and whitewashing done over.

Dies as Help Surrounds Him

Boston, Dec. 31.—His body caught in the elevator which he operated at the Jeremiah Williams wool manufactory, Patrick T. Tierney died while half a dozen firemen were chopping away the floors and sides of the shaft to rescue him and Dr. Parvey stood by waiting for an opportunity to aid the injured man.

Ransom of $5000 Is Asked

Louisville, Dec. 31.—A letter has been received from Ohio promising the return of kidnapped Alma Kellner to her parents on payment of $5000 ransom. This is all the information the family will give out. The girl disappeared Dec. 8.

Russian Army Bill Passed

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The bill granting $5,000,000 for reorganization of the Russian army has been passed unanimously on both readings by the duma.

THE GLOVER WILL HEARING

It May Throw Some Light on the Waltham Laundry Tragedy

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 31.—The date for the hearing of the contest of the will of Clarence F. Glover, the Waltham laundryman, who was murdered, and for whose killing Hattie Le Blanc is under arrest, has been set as Jan. 31. It will come before Judge McIntyre in the Middlesex probate court. Hattie Le Blanc, now in the East Cambridge jail, will be one of the witnesses.

The astonishing report is made that more than one member of the Glover family was in the habit of carrying a revolver, and that threats had been interchanged frequently between Glover and a person whom the police are now watching during the few weeks that preceded the Saturday night tragedy.

Glover, it is now said, had been persistent in his attentions to Hattie Le Blanc, and the 16-year-old girl had begun to fight him off. The girl had promised to meet him on a number of occasions, it is said, and she failed to keep the engagements. This angered Glover and he threatened to "fix her."

In his dying statement Glover declared that Hattie Le Blanc asked him to meet her on the fatal evening. It will be contended by the defense that the girl was influenced by others to lure the man to the laundry.

MOTHER IN A HOME

Seventy-Year-Old Twins Ask Court to Order Her Release

New York, Dec. 31.—Charles L. Davis and his brother William, 70-year-old twins, appeared in the Myrtle avenue court, Brooklyn, against Mrs. Susan Lane, manager of the In-As-Much home.

Mrs. Lane is accused of detaining Mrs. Mary Davis, the 90-year-old mother of the complainants. The brothers said they wanted their mother to share their home, but the manager would not let her leave the institution.

PRESENT TREATY DOESN'T SUIT JAPAN

Will Endeavor to Secure Better Terms With Us

Washington, Dec. 31.—Baron Uchida, the new Japanese ambassador, has come to the United States with one special purpose in view—that of negotiating a new treaty in conformance with the desires of the mikado.

Within a short time California and her fight to segregate Japanese public school pupils will again be in the limelight. Japan wishes the present treaty, which expires on July 17, 1912, abrogated before that time, and a new agreement made.

This haste has for its purpose the balking of the California opponents of the Japanese. Before 1912 drastic exclusion and segregation action might be taken on the coast.

On the other hand the United States government is inclined to delay.

ICE SINKS THREE LAUNCHES

Twelve Jackies and Three Ensigns Are Safely Pulled Ashore

New York, Dec. 31.—Three naval launches, those of the battleships Minnesota, Kansas and Wisconsin, now at anchor in the Hudson river, were rammed by floating ice and sunk as they were trying to make a landing. There were four sailors and an ensign in each launch, but all the fifteen men were rescued.

The three launches approached the landing at about the same time and had difficulty avoiding one another. As they swung out of one another's way each was forced between two huge cakes of ice. Holes were stove in each of the launches, and they began to settle. Life preservers were flung out, and the men were pulled ashore.

INNOCENT WOMEN SUFFER

One Dead and Another's Nerves Wrecked Because of Theft

Washington, Dec. 31.—One woman has died of worry and another is a nervous wreck in a sanitarium as a result of the disclosure of a defalcation in the treasury of the Daughters of the American Revolution several weeks ago, it is learned here. Both women, who were clerks, were innocent, but feared they might be suspected.

On this account the name of the clerk, who confessed to being guilty of the defalcation, has been made known to all the regents of the order all over the country, but has been withheld from publication.

Compromise In Telegraphers' Strike

Cincinnati, Dec. 31.—A compromise has been reached between the telegraphers of the big Four railroad and the management of the system and all immediate danger of a strike has been removed.

Flea Said to Carry Plague

Washington, Dec. 31.—Now the flea is accused officially of carrying the bubonic plague. It is stated that the United States is seriously threatened by the spread of that dread disease.

CENSUS TEST IS VERY EASY

Intended to Aid In Selecting Suitable Persons

SAMPLE SCHEDULES READY

Will Be Sent to Every Applicant, Together With Instructions For Filling Them—Census Director Declares That Public School Education Is Sufficient For Army of Sixty-Seven Thousand Enumerators

Washington, Dec. 31.—By Jan. 25 all applications for the positions of enumerators in the thirteenth decennial United States census must be filed with the supervisors of census for the supervisors' districts in which applicants reside. Between that date and Feb. 5 the supervisors will send out cards to applicants informing them where they are to report for the "test" to be held in every one of the 330 supervisors' districts on Feb. 5.

Census Director Durand emphatically states that persons desiring to hold such positions should not stand in fear of the "test" to be made. Any person of average public school education who can write plainly and reasonably fast will go through the "test" with "colors flying." In fact, the "test" is intended simply to help the supervisors select suitable persons and to enable the director of the census to exercise intelligently his power of approval of those whom the supervisors designate for appointment.

It will involve the filling in of either a sample population schedule, by those who make the count in the cities, or of both a sample population and agricultural schedule, by candidates who will enumerate the country.

To prepare the way and to insure every applicant being given a fair chance, the supervisors will send in advance to each and every applicant a set of printed instructions for filling in these sample schedules.

"We consider that a very important point," said Acting Census Director Willoughby, "not only in treating these candidates fairly and giving them a chance to answer the questions properly, but also as a means of education of the candidates to be appointed.

"They will study more thoroughly the instructions for filling in these schedules if they realize their chances of appointment depend upon that study than if they were appointed first and had to do the studying afterwards. Any person of good judgment and ordinary common-school education—for the work requires some little thinking power—can easily pass the test."

Director Durand expects to have the army of 67,000 or more enumerators picked, tested, designated and commissioned by the middle or latter part of March. From then on until April 15 the supervisors will send the enumerators circulars and books of instructions concerning the meaning of the schedule questions, and the way the enumerators should write the answers obtained from the people of the country.

Application forms, with complete directions concerning the method of preparing them, can be secured by writing at once to the supervisor named in the list appended whose district embraces the place of residence of the applicant. The supervisors for New England are as follows: Connecticut—One district, William B. Bailey, New Haven. Maine—First district, Morrill N. Drew, Portland; second district, Elmer P. Spofford, Deer Isle. Massachusetts—One district, Charles F. Gettemy, Boston. New Hampshire—One district, Frank A. Musgrove, Hanover. Rhode Island—One district, George H. Webb, Providence. Vermont—One district, Lynn M. Hays, Burlington.

$15,000,000 BRIDGE OPEN

Fourth Link Between Manhattan Island and Brooklyn

New York, Dec. 31.—The fourth link between Manhattan island and Brooklyn was opened to public traffic by foot and vehicle today.

Exclusive of condemnation expenses for land approaches, the new Manhattan bridge, as it has been named, cost in all $15,000,000.

The dedication ceremonies formed one of the last official acts of Mayor McClellan, whose term expires with the year.

New Trial For Booth

New York, Dec. 31.—General William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, was granted a new trial in the effort to oust the American Salvation Army. The original suit, brought in 1907, went against Booth, who asked for a permanent injunction forbidding the American Army to use the manual and ritual of the Salvation Army.

Federation's Appeal Docketed

Washington, Dec. 31.—The cross-appeal of the American Federation of Labor in the Bucks Stove and Range company, in which that company sought to enjoin the Federation from boycotting the goods of the company, was docketed Thursday in the supreme court of the United States.

BRITISH NOBLE'S DEATH

Opinion That Earl Percy Received Fatal Wound In a Duel

Paris, Dec. 31.—The death of Earl Percy (Henry A. George) of England, which occurred here yesterday, is believed to have resulted from a wound received in a duel. Officially, he died from pneumonia, but few here in higher circles are willing to accept this version.

The police hold that, while Earl Percy's symptoms may have been those of pneumonia, he was shot through the lungs in an affair of honor. The alleged assailant of the earl is unknown, but is thought to have been an Englishman.

Earl Percy was 48 years old. He was under secretary of state for India in 1902-03. He published two books of travel in Asiatic Turkey. He was not married, but had a house in London.

The theory of a duel is credited in high British quarters, where it is believed that the family is suppressing the facts.

WROTE TO DEAD PERSONS

Arrest of Man Alleged to Have Used Novel Means to Defraud

Boston, Dec. 31.—Alfred P. Lindroth, who says his home is in Riverside, R. I., and who is wanted by the postal authorities of Nashville, was arrested in the central postoffice here on a charge of using the mails in a scheme to defraud the estates of dead persons.

Since Dec. 8, it is said, he has been operating in Boston as Crossman Bros. & Ackers. According to Postoffice Inspector Jennings, Lindroth sent out letters addressed to dead persons, purporting to come from a jeweler and stating that if the balance due on a diamond which was ordered mounted was remitted, the gem would be sent. The balance was usually set at $25.

CHARLES TAFT BUYS PHILADELPHIA TEAM

President's Brother Pays $250,000 For the Nationals

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Horace Fogel, president of the Philadelphia National Baseball club, announced that Charles P. Taft, brother of President Taft, has exercised his option on the Philadelphia National League ball park, and has bought it for $250,000.

This is confirmation of the rumor that was set afloat when the National League president fight first came up, that Charles W. Murphy of Chicago had practically secured control of the Philadelphia club. Taft is Murphy's financial backer.

NO MARINES IN BATTLE

Zelaya's Statement Not Credited In Washington Unofficial Circles

Washington, Dec. 31.—Statements made by former President Zelaya that United States marines participated in the battles between the government troops of Nicaragua and the revolutionists have been received here in unofficial circles with amusement.

While neither the officials of the marine corps nor those of the navy department would discuss the statement, it is known that there are not 400 marines on the east coast of the country, and that on Nov. 1, when the battle of Colorado Junction took place, there were none at all.

So far as the statement goes that the men were deserters from the American war vessels lying off the coast, no desertions have been reported and it is declared that it is unlikely that any of the men have deserted.

PEARY IS FROSTBITTEN

Blizzard Caught Him Wearing Evening Clothes and Low Shoes

Washington, Dec. 31.—Long experience in the Arctic stood Commander Peary in very good stead when his automobile stranded in a snow bank in the remote regions of Maryland, while he was en route to a friend's house for dinner, and he was compelled to face a blizzardy wind in light evening clothes and wade deep snow drifts in low shoes for a mile or more to obtain assistance.

Finally arriving at his destination, after having his machine dug out of the snow drifts, it was discovered that Peary had suffered from slight frost bites of his ears, and it was necessary to give the members vigorous snow treatment before they became normal.

Gas Buoy Marks Wreck

Boston, Dec. 31.—Marking the wreck of the five-masted schooner Davis Palmer a gas buoy, painted red and showing a red light during periods of five seconds, separated by eclipses of five seconds' duration, was established in forty-two feet of water in Broad sound.

Tribesmen Reopen War on Spain

Madrid, Dec. 31.—War has again broken out in Morocco, after several weeks of comparative quiet, in which it is thought Spain's difficulties with the tribesmen were over. Reinforcements are held in readiness for departure if General Marina asks for help.

RESEMBLES CRIME SCHOOL

Commissioner's Opinion of Deer Island Prison

SPOILS SYSTEM EMPLOYED

Use of Drugs by Prisoners and the Drunkenness of Officers Among Charges Said to Have Been Proven—Master Absolved From Blame, the Alleged Misconduct Being Charged to Politican Interference

Boston, Dec. 31.—In a report of its findings on its Deer Island investigation, made by the mayor and board of aldermen last night, the finance commission characterized the Deer Island institution as "resembling a school for crime."

Asserting that the many charges of the use of drugs by the prisoners, illicit trafficking between prisoners and officers and drunkenness among the officers were proven by its investigation, the commission places the blame on the mayor.

It stated that the spoils system was employed in the conduct of the penal institutions department and that the politicians preyed on the department to the extent of getting favorite jobs contrary to law.

The commission declared that because of lack of experience and training, former Commissioner Skinner was unfit for his position and placed the greater part of the responsibility for the management of the institution on Mayor Hibbard for appointing Skinner.

The commission declared that the mayor, two of his secretaries and ten of the present members of the board of aldermen had attempted to place favorites in jobs in the department.

It declared that the cost of the food for the master's table at Deer Island had been excessive, and criticized the latter for having a boat built for himself by prison labor.

It absolved the master from blame for the alleged misconduct of the institution, stating that this was chiefly due to political interference.

The commission recommended the appointment of an experienced man as head of the penal institutions department and the placing of the department under civil service.

The commission also stated that altogether too many prisoners are sent to the island for petty offenses, and recommended that the judges and head of department come to some understanding, and that more probation officers be appointed if necessary.

STANDARD FACES BIG LOSS

Thousands of Suits Planned by Independent Oil Companies

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 31.—Several thousand damage suits against the Standard Oil company of New Jersey are to be instituted by the independent oil refiners if the United States supreme court upholds the decision of the circuit court for the Minnesota district, ordering the corporation dissolved.

Thomas L. Hisgen, president of the Independent Petroleum Marketers' association, announced the program undertaken by his organization. For several months the association has been gathering evidence upon which they intend to institute legal proceedings against the Standard Oil company under section 7 of the Sherman anti-trust law, which provides that any person or company injured by any corporation may bring action against the injuring corporation for threefold damages.

MILK INQUIRY BEGUN

Government Taking Up Recent Increase in Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Government officials are investigating the recent action of Chicago milk dealers in raising the retail price of milk from 7 to 8 cents a quart and 4 to 5 cents a pint, and big local companies may be forced to explain to the United States government.

"I could not tell if we were making an investigation," said District Attorney Sims, "for that would spoil it. You can quote me as saying that if the milk situation in Chicago, from the New York disclosures, has anything to do with interstate commerce the government certainly will investigate here."

Union's Offer Rejected

Barre, Vt., Dec. 31.—The committee representing the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association rejected the proposition formulated by committees representing the 4500 granite workers now on strike or locked out here.

Mrs. Kip Gets Divorce

Reno, Nev., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Frances K. Kip, prominent in New York social circles, and the wife of Henry S. Kip, was granted a decree of divorce by Judge Pike, on the ground of desertion.

Satolli Close to Death

Rome, Dec. 31.—Cardinal Satolli, who is ill with nephritis, is failing rapidly. Life is being prolonged only by the artificial administration of oxygen.

CHINESE ACTOR KILLED

Tong War Victim Was High In Chinese Secret Organization

New York, Dec. 31.—The renewal of the Tong warfare in New York's Chinatown has claimed another victim. Ah Hung, a Chinese actor, who was a prominent member of one of the Chinese secret organizations, was in his room in a tenement house when he heard steps in the hallway outside, and then a voice demanding admission. Ah cautiously opened the door a bare inch or two. There was a shot and then a scamper of feet down the stairs. Ah's neighbors found the body. The bullet had struck him in the forehead and penetrated the brain.

The police, who have been expecting a continuation of the trouble in Chinatown which resulted in two deaths on Monday night, arrested several of Ah's neighbors as witnesses, but were unable to find any tangible clews to the identity of the murderers.

NO BREACH WITH US

Creel Says His Mission to United States Was Successful

Washington, Dec. 31.—Governor Creel of Chihuahua, special envoy from Mexico to the United States in the Nicaraguan affair, gave an authorized statement regarding his present mission to this country.

Governor Creel declared that he had accomplished his task with gratifying results. The resignation of Zelaya and succession of President Madriz had ended many difficulties and prevented anarchy, he declared, and peace and patriotism were now finding their way on both sides in Nicaragua.

The granting of asylum of Zelaya by Mexico, said Creel, was in no sense an act of unfriendliness to the United States.

LOOKING FOR TWO MORE MEN TO KILL

Death Threat by Yegg For Whom Police Are Hunting

Boston, Dec. 31.—"Bennie" Burns, the yeggman who is wanted in connection with the killing of John W. Hurley in a Tremont street alley Monday evening, wandered about the South End for twenty-four hours after the murder and declared to several acquaintances who talked with him that he was not going to leave the city "until he killed two men that he was out to get."

Those who are hunting Burns realize that the safe blower is a desperate man, and if they get on his trail their hands will be pretty close to their guns, for they all fear that Burns will shoot at any policeman who attempts to arrest him.

Burns is a consumptive, and those who know him intimately say that he realizes that he has but a few months to live.

CAN'T DODGE TROLLEY CARS

Newly Arrived Immigrant May Be Sent Back to Ireland

Boston, Dec. 31.—Whether an immigrant who can't keep out of the path of American electric cars shall be deported or permitted to become a citizen is the question Immigration Inspector Dolan is trying to solve. John Mordue, from Cork, seems to have a peculiar fascination for running in the path of Boston cars. He can't make his feet behave when he sees a motorman throw on the power.

That's why he's been treated twice within a month for a fracture of the skull, which he sustained each time he was knocked down by a car. The City hospital authorities decided to call the attention of the immigrant authorities to the fact that because Boston's electrics were too fast for Mordue, he had become a public charge.

TAFT'S NIECE WEDS

President Attends Ceremony In New York With His Children

New York, Dec. 31.—Miss Louise W. Taft, daughter of Henry W. and Mrs. Taft and niece of the president, was married to George W. Snowden of Seattle.

President Taft came from Washington to attend the wedding, but Mrs. Taft's health did not permit her to make the journey. The president was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Helen Taft, and his sons, Robert and Charles.

The ceremony was performed in a room decorated with palms and hung with mistletoe and holly. Rev. Dr. Berry, rector of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, performed the ceremony.

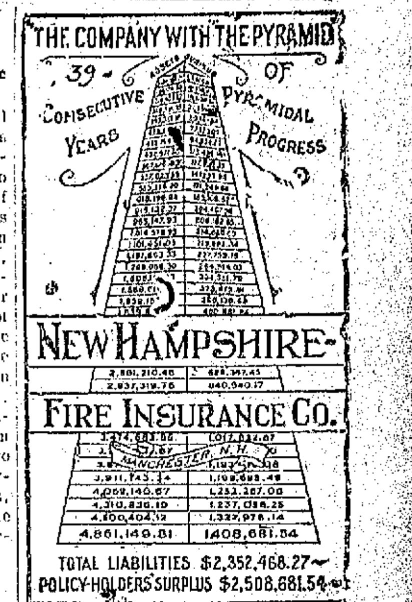
Awards $75,000 In Gold

Boston, Dec. 31.—Today the Boston Elevated Railway company is distributing the largest sum of money that has ever been paid by the company to its car service men in rewards for satisfactory service during the year. About $75,000 is being divided among 3500 men.

The Weather

Almanac, Saturday, Jan. 1.
Sun rises—7:14; sets—4:22.
Moon rises—10:29 p. m.
High water—3:15 a. m.; 3:30 p. m.

Forecast for New England: Fair, warmer; moderate west to south winds.



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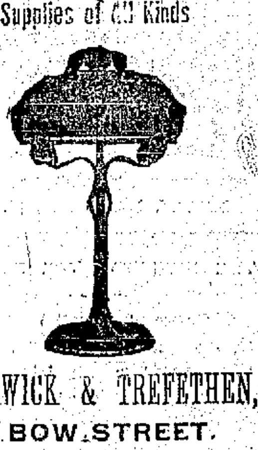

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1909.

THE MUNICIPAL TAX PROBLEM

The assesed valuation of property, the basis of assessment, and the taxes levied in fifty-eight cities in the United States, which, in 1907, had an estimated population of over 30,000 each, are considered in United States Census Bulletin 105, prepared by Division Chief E. H. Maling, under the supervision of Dr. Le Grand Powers, chief statistician in charge of the official statistics of cities.

The bulletin states that the assessed valuation of property in a city bears a close relationship to indebtedness of different cities in the same states based on assessed valuation are often more accurate than those based on population. Such a comparison between cities of different state is not practicable, however, owing in large measure to a difference in methods and bases of assessment.

In many cities it is the practice to assess property at a fractional part of its value instead of its true value, and it is believed that the true value of property that may be deduced from such fractional values is not comparable with values obtained in other cities where the basis of assessment is 100 per cent.

The values of personal property vary from less than one-sixth of 1 per cent of the value of real property in Philadelphia to more than 50 per cent of the value of real property in Omaha. These differences are due partly to different bases of valuation and partly to differences in the classes of personal property subject to city taxation.

Nearly two-thirds of the net debt of the 158 cities is charged against the 25 cities of over 300,000 population, and the same cities showed approximately the same proportion of the assessed valuation of property.

The largest per capita net debt is credited to New York city, but Boston had the largest per capita assessed valuation of property, although it had the third largest per capita net debt. The assessment in both cities was reported to be on a 100 per cent basis, but the bulletin states that it is doubtful if a close comparison of debt assessed valuation if justified. Another city with a comparatively high per capita net indebtedness was Newton, Mass., but the large per capita assessed valuation of property for this city ($1,771.21) suggests that the debt, when compared with the city's wealth, is not excessively great.

The taxes levied in the different cities exhibited more uniformity than did the amounts representing assessed valuation, but there were notable exceptions. Boston, as compared with St. Louis, levied nearly double the amount of the latter and larger city, while Baltimore levied a smaller tax than Pittsburg, which is a smaller city. In comparing tax levies, the bulletin says it must be remembered that some cities levy special assessments against abutting property to meet the cost of street pavements and other improvements, while other cities meet the full cost of all improvements from general property taxes.

The result of all this study by the census department is the learning that there is no present form of statistical inquiry by which municipal valuations and tax rates can accurately be compared. The need of some such standard if apparent to all and should be one of the objects sought in the efforts for uniform legislation among the states.

BIRD'S EYE VIEWS

The fishermen and oyster growers of Southern New England are complaining of the prevalence of starfish, which are doing great damage to the growing stock. Old oystermen say that never in the history of the business have the starfish been so plentiful and many of the steamers along the coast, which in ordinary seasons are engaged in dredging are now dragging "starfish mops" over the beds to get rid of the pest. It is claimed that the damage to the oyster beds in Rhode Island and Connecticut this season will be at least a quarter of a million of dollars when the loss of stock and the expense of catching and killing is taken into consideration.

The American fishing schooner Charles L. Woodbury, seized April 18 by the steamer Kestral after a lively chase and many shots, was forfeited to the crown in the admiralty court at Vancouver, B. C., on Dec. 29, for fishing within the three mile limit. Nothing about the chase of the shots was said in court.

Representative Foster of Vermont is hopeful of favorable action by Congress at this session upon a plan long cherished by him for the establishment of local postage rates on parcels carried on the various rural free delivery routes of the country. Last year he could obtain no hearing before the House postoffice committee, but Representative Weeks of Massachusetts is now chairman of this committee and without committing himself to the proposition, he has assured Mr. Foster of an impartial consideration of his scheme by the committee. Mr. Foster's bill contains many features of interest to farmers, for under its provisions there would be established a cheap express service among neighbors. Cheap rates are established by the Foster bill, ranging from one cent on parcels of two ounces or less to twenty-five cents for parcels weighing eleven pounds.

PEOPLE'S OPINONS

A New City Building?

Really, it seems as if the apparently moribund question of a new City Building is again coming to life. Let us look the matter squarely in the face.

First: Do we need it?
Second: Can we afford it?
Third: Will it pay?
Fourth: Who wants it?
Fifth: What had better be done?

In the first place the principal demand for new quarters comes from the police department who, very reasonably, desire a better court room and more conveniences. Of that let us speak under the fifth question. As to the rest of the premises: There has always been room enough for the two boards of the city government, and now there is only one board. The city clerk's office seems to be adequate to his requirements; the mayor has a room in connection with the city auditor; the assessors have more room than they need; the collector and treasurer cannot complain. And thus at a pinch the whole establishment might be carried on without detracting from the efficiency of the city's business. Sometimes, to be sure there will be crowds, and this condition of affairs seems to call for some action in the matter. But this does not answer the question, "Do we need it?" It would be very convenient to have it, but there are other considerations, and under the present financial circumstances of the city we come to the second question: "Can we afford it?"—Here we stop to ask: What will it cost? The estimate of $60,000 for the construction of the building does not include the furnishings and equipments, and the many incidentals that naturally follow the completion of the structure. We may reckon these at say $20,000—making an addition to the city debt of $80,000, with an annual interest of say $3,000, and the detraction from the credit of the city that follows an addition of $7,000 to its debt. We are now taxed quite to the extent of the endurance of the holders of real estate in Portsmouth, who will not look with any degree of comfort upon any further increase.

Third, Will it pay?—Of what possible financial benefit will it be to the city of Portsmouth or to its individual citizens. It will not bring business—will not add to incoming taxpayers—will not be any inducement to tourists and summer boarders or manufacturers—will not diminish (but will certainly increase) expenses—and altogether will burden the city when it is least able to carry it.

Then "Who wants it?" Well, we might say, everybody wants it, for every good citizen would naturally feel some pride in such a structure. But there is reason in all things, and the above suggestions will apply here. We mean to ask: Who is calling for it? Naturally the demand comes from those who are directly interested in the city business and who would be the occupants of the new structure. It is rather commendable in them to show a progressive and enterprising spirit—and it very well that they should agitate the subject. There are not many outside the city government who would do so. The architects and artisans who are looking for the employment it would give them are for the most part the outside projectors of the work. Really the people as a general thing care little about it and very generally oppose the required outlay. Among the business men who have been consulted there is scarcely an exception to an expression of utter condemnation of the project or at least for its accomplishment for some years to come. The people do not want it now.

But we ask again, "What had better be done?" In a few words we will give what seems to be the general suggestion—that the present building be put in good condition. Clean the outside and paint or cement it; raise it another story, making the upper story into the rooms for the convenience of the city council and for purposes of occasional use; give the police department the whole of the first story with a court room, and make the second story to accommodate the city officers, including the water works and all other departments, if this can be done.

These suggestions are respectfully made, with the hope of bringing out the reasons for of against the construction of a new city building. The reconstruction of the present building would answer for a period of years, during which time, if we keep in office such men as Councilman Boynton and others of the present organization, we may expect to be much better able to build and may also have a large increase in the business of Portsmouth.

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TO CONTEST WILL

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Another nephew Israel M. Palfrey of Milton, is also concerned in the case.

A TIMELY TOPIC.

BY WILLIAM H. TAFT, President of the United States

Some Social Questions.

I DO not think trades unionism was greatly aided by the attempt to drag all organized labor into politics and to induce it to vote one way; but that does not prevent my placing a proper estimate upon the immense good for labor in general which its organization and its efforts to secure higher wages have accomplished.

I know there is an element among employers of labor and investors of capital which is utterly opposed to the organization of labor. I cannot sympathize with this element in the slightest degree. I think it is a wise course for laborers to unite to defend their interests. It is a wise course for them to provide a fund by which, should occasion arise and strikes or lockouts follow, those who lose their places may be supported pending an adjustment of the difficulties.

I think the employer who declines to deal with organized labor and to recognize it as a proper element in the settlement of wage controversies is behind the times.

There is not the slightest doubt that if labor had remained unorganized wages would be very much lower. It is true that in the end they would probably be fixed by law of supply and demand, but generally before this law manifests itself there is a period in which labor, if organized and acting together, can compel the employer promptly to recognize the change of conditions and advance wages to meet a rising market and an increase in profits; and, on the other hand, can delay the too quick impulse of the employer facing a less prosperous future to economize by reducing wages.

There is a higher standard of living among American laborers than in any country in the world and while there have doubtless been a good many other reasons for this, certainly the effect of the organization of labor has been to maintain a steady and high rate of wages making such a standard of living possible.

Nothing I have said or shall say should be construed into an attitude of criticism against or unfriendliness to those workingmen who for any reason do not join unions. Their right to labor for such wages as they choose to accept is sacred and any lawless invasion of that right cannot be too severely condemned. All advantages of trade unionism, great as they are, cannot weigh a feather in the scale against the right of any man lawfully seeking employment to work for whom and at what price he will. And I say this with all the emphasis possible, even though the fact is that if I were a workingman I should probably deem it wise to join a union for the reasons given.

RETIRING OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYES

Plans for Its Consideration by This Congress

The correspondence between the president of the United States Civil Service Retirement association and the president of the United States is of interest to the many federal employees in this vicinity. The Retirement association has for years been making an earnest endeavor to secure some form of equitable legislation, that would at once relieve the government of the burden of superannuated employees, and give relief to the many employees who have given the best years of their life in faithful service to the government.

The convention of the Retirement association occurs Jan. 14, 15, 1910, which is the latter end of the week of the convention of the National League of Government employees, at which convention the navy yard employees will be represented by delegates, and by the general secretary who resides here.

It is expected that delegates from the National League convention will attend the convention of the Retirement association.

Some considerable prestige has been given a movement to federate all the National associations of government employees into one general body, each retaining its own control, but, on matters such as a retirement fund, compensation for injured employees, better sanitary conditions, etc., that alike benefit all employees, regardless of the department they may come under, to present a united front.

At the coming convention of the retirement association some attention will no doubt be given to such an idea, some criticism having been made as to the form of legislation that has been favored in the past by the association it not being general in its character.

The Request of the President

The first letter of the correspondence mentioned above is as follows:

The President, The White House, Washington, D. S.

December 23, 1909.

Sir:—I have the honor to invite your attention to an executive order issued by President Roosevelt, January 31, 1902, forbidding government employees to influence Congress in connection with legislation in their own interest, save through the heads of departments.

I have also the honor to invite your attention to an exemption made for certain purposes in favor of the U. S. Civil Service Retirement association on February 21, 1902. The order of January 31, 1902, was amended January 25, 1906, and again on October 25, 1906, President Roosevelt made an exemption in favor of this association.

On November 26, 1909, an executive order of similar tenor to those referred to was issued by you, and in that connection I have the honor to inform you that a conference will be held in this city on January 14, 15, 1910, of representatives from the different branches of the federal service all over the country, to consider the question of retirement. Arrangements have been made with Senator Cummins and Representative Gillett to have these delegates heard before the committees of congress on civil service reform.

As we desire to obey every executive order in letter and spirit, I take the privilege of writing to request that an exemption be made by you in favor of the visiting delegates and the executive committee of this association, to enable us to present our views on retirement before the committees of congress having charge of that subject, to assist them in preparing a retirement bill.

There have been similar hearings before the house of representatives heretofore, and such is the custom in Great Britain.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) M. F. O'DONOGHUE, President.

The President's Answer

The White House, Washington.

December 25, 1909.

My dear Sir:—I have no objection to making an exemption in favor of the executive committee of your association to enable that committee to present its views on retirement to the committees of congress having charge of the subject and to assist them in preparing a retirement bill. This exemption, however, does not apply to all the members of the association but only to a representative committee.

Sincere yours,
(Signed) WM. H. TAFT.

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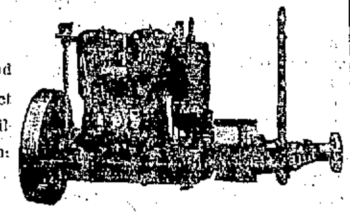

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KITTERY LETTER

Coldest Morning of December

Probable Officers of the Yacht Club

Sergeant Arthur Littlejohn Is to Leave Town

Up Country Family Looking for a Home in Town

Kittery, Me., Dec. 31.

Kittery correspondent's telephone 297-5.

The Kittery Yacht club will hold its annual meeting Thursday evening, Jan. 14, for the election of officers. Following are the candidates, who will doubtless be elected as there are no others in the field: Commodore, Frank E. Robbins; vice commodore, Charles A. Clark; Fleet captain, Charles G. Newson; Measurer, Frank E. Getchell; Secretary, Charles A. Bridges; Treasurer, George O. Wilson, Jr.; Fleet Surgeon, Dr. J. D. Carty; directors for three years; George W. Hayford (chairman), Charles A. Clark, Fred J. P. Chase, Jerome Baker, Carl A. Robbins.

Frank Call of North Berwick passed Thursday night in town.

George Humphreys, who burnt his hand and face at the fire at John H. Broughton's lumber yard Sunday, resumed his duties Thursday at the navy yard.

Mrs. Roy Blaney of Portsmouth was a visitor in town on Thursday.

Miss Helen A. Ireland of Salem is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Patch today.

John W. Bickford is enjoying a vacation from his duties at the navy yard.

Mrs. Wesley Grace has returned to her home in York after a visit here.

Mrs. Fannie Noel was the guest of friends in Portsmouth on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. D. L'Amoureux have returned from a visit to his former home and on Thursday moved their household effects from Mrs. M. F. Wentworth's house on Wentworth street to Frank W. Call's house on Love Lane.

Mrs. Ned Paul and son Howard are the guests of relatives in York today.

Ned Shapleigh, who has been sick at his home on Wentworth street is now much improved.

Charles Wasgatt has been enjoying a leave of absence from his duties at the navy yard.

A rehearsal of the Choral society will be held this evening.

"A Noble Outcast," the drama to be given by Eliot grange for the benefit of the local Grange at Wentworth Hall this evening, will begin at 7.45. The occasion is assured of being a very pleasant one.

Harlow L. Paul of Eliot, Tralp Academy '09, has returned from an extended visit with his sister, Mrs. Robert Wakefield, in Syracuse, N. Y.

The Aid Association of York Rebekah Lodge met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Angelia Hayes.

Charles Dixon, who has been away from his duties at the navy yard for over a month with blood poisoning in his hand, is still unable to resume work.

The temperature this morning was five degrees below zero, the coldest of the year thus far locally.

Sergeant Arthur Littlejohn has recently severed his connection with the United States Marine Corps, and will soon vacate his house on Walker street and leave town with his family.

Schooner Alice M. Colburn is bound here from Baltimore.

Kittery Point

Kittery Point correspondent's telephone 297-5.

Hiram Tobey, who is passing the winter with his daughter at North Hampton, N. H. was in town Thursday.

Brackett E. Lewis, Valencia H. Goodwin and Stephen Blake are having vacations from their navy yard duties.

A business meeting of the Kittery Point Fire department was held in Firemen's Hall Thursday evening. Refreshments were served.

The coal in the barge Yemassee, now here, is bound to Dover, and local tugs are trying hard to keep the river free of ice until the cargo can be delivered in lighters.

Miss Florence S. Huff of the Horace Mitchell school faculty, has been passing part of her vacation in Rockland as well as at her home in North Edgecomb.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Upton of Limerick are in town with the intention of purchasing a place for permanent residence.

Miss Lucy Nutter and Miss Sadie Regan of Portsmouth were in town Thursday.

Mrs. Elmer Riley is confined to her home by illness.

Perley S. Tobey is visiting in Boston for a few days.

Mrs. Ernest Hoyt is out of doors again after an illness.

Mrs. Susan Perry is on the sick list.

Mrs. Charles C. Sawyer and daughter Miss Mildred, who have been ill, are out of doors again.

Miss Bertha Hanson has returned to Boston after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Howard Collins.

Harold Wilson is confined to his home by illness.

Mrs. Elsie Mattson has returned to Boston after visiting her son Norman here.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Brown, who have been visiting Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Waldron, have returned to their home in Brockton, Mass.

The First Christian Church Sewing Bee met with Mrs. Justin A. Sawyer Thursday afternoon.

Miss Alvada Nickerson of Taunton, Mass., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Noah E. Emery.

Mrs. Clarence Estes is reported very ill.

George P. Smallcon of Portsmouth was in town today.

A barge with oil from Port Arthur, Tex., is reported on the way to this port in town of the steamer Northtown.

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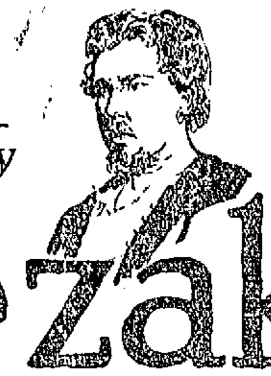

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DOVER DOINGS

Dover, Dec. 31.—The funeral services of Mrs. Mary, widow of William White, were held at St. Mary's church this forenoon at 10.30 o'clock and were largely attended by friends and relatives who came to pay their last tender respects to a most worthy woman. Many out of town friends from Springfield, Mass., Andover, Mass., Somersworth, Lawrence, Mass., and other places were present to pay their tribute to the deceased. Solemn Requiem High Mass was sung by Rev. Maurice Redden, D. D., Rev. Father Herbert Hennon of Plaistow was deacon, Rev. Father Daniel Gorman of Manchester was sub-deacon, Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary of Manchester was master of ceremonies. There was music by the choir. Among the clergymen in attendance at the funeral were Rt. Rev. Mgr. Daniel W. Murphy, Rev. John Lyons, D. D., P. R., of Manchester, Rev. Edward J. Walsh, P. R., of Portsmouth, Rev. Father Buchla of Manchester, Rev. Father Demers of Sanbornville, Rev. Father Casey of Ashland, Rev. Father McCooey of Hanover, Rev. Father Brennan of Somersworth, Rev. Father McGill of Harrisville, Rev. Father Scott of Wilton, Rev. Father Richard, Rev. Father Tetrault and Rev. Fr. Dee of this city, Rev. Father Corcoran of Rochester, Rev. Father Slaney of Suncook. The bearers were Jeremiah Minehan of Somersworth, John McClintock, Daniel Buckley, Patrick Gorman. The burial was in St. Michael's cemetery in Rollinsford. The comimital service was read by Rev. James E. White of Portsmouth, a son of the deceased.

PERSONALS

Mrs. H. P. Montgomery passed Thursday in Boston.

Mrs. Robinson and Miss Florence Ward passed Thursday in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keene of York Beach have come to this city to pass the winter.

Attorney J. W. Kelley has returned from a business trip to Concord, Laconia and Dover.

Pay inspector H. A. Dent, U. S. N., has returned from a ten days' leave passed in Alabama.

William Leary of the National hotel will leave today for Palm Beach, where he will be employed for the next three months.

Mrs. John. W. Kelley and Mrs. H. Clinton Taylor have issued cards for an afternoon tea, on Monday afternoon, to meet Mrs. Howard Gray.

ORDERED TO A NEW PARISH

Father Dee, a Former Assistant in This Parish Goes to Hillsboro

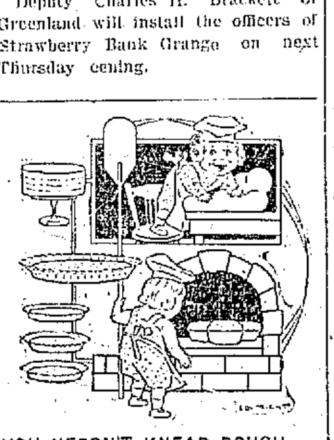
Another change among the pastors in the diocese of Manchester, has been announced in the transfer of Rev. Father Walter L. Dee of Dover to the parish at Hillsboro. Father Dee was a former assistant at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in this city before going to Dover. He was at one time in charge temporarily of the parish at Exeter.

It is understood he will leave to enter upon the duties of his new charge next Monday. A movement among members of the Dover parish, is taking shape, it is said, to give Father Dee a farewell reception before his departure.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used for Children Teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. Twenty five cents a bottle.

THE COMINNG GRANGE INSTALLATION

Deputy Charles H. Brackett of Greenland will install the officers of Strawberry Bank Grange on next Thursday ceing.



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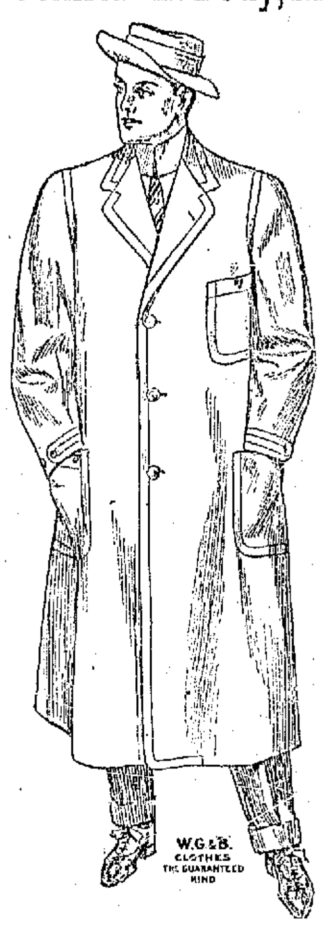

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Cars leave Whittier's for North Beach connecting with cars for Rye Beach and Portsmouth—7.40 8.40 a. m., 1.40 then hourly until 6.40 p. m. 2.40 p. m. trip to Life Saving Station only.
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Has Accomplished His Mission in U. S.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Governor Enrique Creel of Chihuahua, and special envoy from Mexico to the United States in the Nicaraguan affair, Thursday gave an official statement regarding his present mission to this country. Governor Creel declared that he had accomplished his task with gratifying results. The resignation of Zelaya and succession of President Madriz had ended many difficulties and prevented anarchy, he declared, and peace and patriotism were now finding their way on both sides in Nicaragua. The granting of asylum of Zelaya by Mexico, said Gov. Creel, was in no sense an act of unfriendliness to the United States. Go. Creel's statement in full follows:

"It is due to the press and to the public that I should make the following statements:

"1. I have completed the work of my mission with gratifying and satisfactory results.

"2. The resignation of Pres. Zelaya was the proper way for him to end his administration under the prevailing circumstances. Such action has avoided many difficulties.

"3. The asylum granted by Mexico to ex-President Zelaya was in full accord with the law of nations, and under no consideration unfriendly to the United States.

"4. The election by the national Congress of Dr. Jose Madriz, as provisional president of Nicaragua was a happy event because it prevented anarchy, a second revolution and further complications with the United States.

"5. The elements of peace and the patriotism of the Nicaraguans are finding their way on both sides; and it is to be desired that successful negotiations may follow, if not on the first tenative, after a full consideration of the case and by the support of high principles, love to their country and the action of blood and sentiment of members of the same family.

"6. So far as Mexico is concerned the policy of my government, always friendly to the United States, has been well understood and appreciated by President Taft and Secretary Knox. They have both been kind enough to congratulate me.

"7. The United States and Mexico will continue acting and cooperating in full accord to the consolidate peace in Central America, to give solid sonsistence tothe Washington conventions of 1907, and to develop a feeling of high respect to the International Court of Cartago."

Governor Creel will leave for home imemdiately after Jan. 1. He had no further diplomatic duties, he said, but had remained a day or two longer than he intended in order to accept a breakfast invitation from Secretary Knox.

Zelaya's Statement Refuted.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Statements made by former President Zelaya that United States marines participated in the battles between the Government troops of Nicaragua and the revolutionists have been received here in unofficial circles of the marine corps nor those of the navy department would discuss the statement, it is known that there are not four hundred marines on the east coast of the country, and that on Nov. 1, when the battle of Colorado Junction took place, there was none at all. So far as the statement goes that the men were deserters from the American war vessels laying off the coast, no desertions have been reported and it is declared that it is unlikely that any of the men have deserted. The only force of marines of any magnitude is on the west coast, and they have been granted permission by the governments of Salvador and Honduras to land on the island in the Bay of Fonseca.

Stokes to Succeed Rixey

Washington, Dec. 31.—It is understood in naval circles that Surg. Chasles F. Stokes, who achieved considerable fame and was the subject of controversy as a result of his command of the hospital ship Relief, has been decided upon by President Taft as the successor to Rear Admiral P. M. Rixey as surgeon general of the navy.

Admiral Rixey was a prime favorite at the White House during the Roosevelt administration. He was not only the family physician but also the close companion of Mr. Roosevelt. His relations with the new administration have not been so cordial, and it has been expected for some time that he was slated for retirement. He will join the ranks of that army of Roosevelt followers which is slowly but surely finding itself pushed into private life.

Surgeon Stokes has made an excellent record in the navy. In the face of criticism Dr. Stokes gave a very good account of himself as commanding officer of the Relief, and justified the confidence placed in him by President Roosevelt and the officials of the navy department. Despite the fact that his ship was a slow one, he made excellent time in his voyage to the Philippines.

Like Admiral Rixey, he will be given the rank and privileges of a rear admiral. The appointment undoubtedly will serve to stir the line officers to renewed activity in their efforts to deprive the staff officers of the rank now authorized by law.

STREETER MAY FAIL

Boston, Dec. 30.—The Herald today publishes the following dispatch:

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Taft has not yet definitely determined the member of the customs court from New England, according to authoritative information gained here today. Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh is understood to be opposing the nomination of ex-Representative Marion Devries of California, now chairman of the board of general appraisers in New York city.

There is still uncertainty whether Gen. F. S. Streeter of Concord or O. M. Barber of Bennington, will be appointed to this court. Gen. Streeter's chances are not as good as they were last week. Senator Aldrich carried word to the president that the New Hampshire senators did not have a high opinion of Gen. Streeter, although they would not oppose his confirmation if the president persisted in nominating him.

Are You One of the Always Tired Kind?

Why are you more tired in the morning than when you retired? Why are you unequal to further exertion after your dinner? You are quite played out. The truth is you habitually overload your stomach. Your liver is congested and your bowels clogged with foul refuse. "What shall I do?" you say. Why, take Smith's Pineapple and Butternut Pills for just one week. Take one or two each night when you retire. They will make you feel better all day long and in a week's time your tired, despondent, blue condition will have vanished. As an after-dinner pill nothing can take the place of Smith's Pineapple and Butternut Pills, for they possess not only the antiseptic and resolvent properties of pineapple, but also the laxative and tonic properties of butternut. They improve digestion, assimilation and nutrition, and stimulate a torpid liver or a sluggish condition of the bowels. Physicians use and recommend. They form no habit. You should always keep them on hand. These little Vegetable Pills will ward of many ills.

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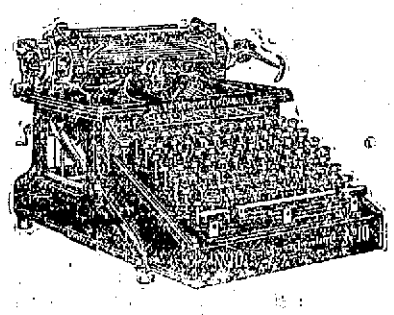

Battleship Launches Sank By Ice

New York, Dec. 31.—Three launches belonging to the battleships Minnesota, Kansas and Wisconsin, now at anchorage in the Hudson river, were rammed by floating ice and partly sunk off 97th street Thursday. They were trying to make a landing there. There were four sailors and an ensign in each launch, and all the men were rescued.

The launches left their respective battleships to take back sailors who had been on shore leave, and were waiting at the pier landing at 97th street. The three vessels dodged their way in and out among the floating ice, being carried down the river by the tide, but near the landing stage the largest cakes of ice were encountered.

The three launches approached the landing about the same time and had difficulty in avoiding one another. As they swung out of one another's way each was forced between two cakes of ice which were being swept onward by the swiftly running water. The engines were unable to give their boats steerage way and the ice cakes rammed all three launches forward. Holes were stove in each and they began to settle.

The waiting bluejackets crowded the dock, and when they saw the little launches were in danger they flung ropes and life preservers to the ensigns and sailors. The men fastened the ropes around their waists and were drawn up on the pier by the sailors. None of them suffered anything worse than a dousing in the icy water.

One of the navy yard tugs, moored at 97th street dock, put out through the ice, and the men on her managed to get the launches to the surface of the water. They were temporarily repaired, and the tug then towed all three launches to their respective battleships. By this time the floating ice brought down by the tide had frozen over, and it was impossible to send other launches for the sailors. They took refuge in the naval station ship at the dock. The men had to wait for the turn of the tide before other launches can be sent for them.

Independants to Sue Standard Oil

Springfield, Dec. 31.—Several thousand damage suits against the Standard oil company of New Jersey will be brought by the independent oil refiners if the U. S. supreme court upholds the decision of the circuit court for the Minnesota district, ordering the corporation dissolved.

Thomas L. Hisgen, the presidential candidate of the Independence party in the last national campaign, who is now the president of the Independent petroleum makers' association announced Thursday the program undertaken by his organization. For several months the Independent petroleum marketers' association managers have been gathering evidence upon which they intend to institute legal proceedings against the Standard oil company under section 7 of the Sherman antitrust law, which provides that any person or company injured by any corporation may bring action against the injuring corporation for four-fold damages.

In furtherance of their plan the Independent marketers have appointed three attorneys, who will begin immediate action against the Standard oil company if the supreme court of the United States upholds the decree of the Minnesota circuit court, ordering the corporation dissolved.

John H. Price of Cleveland will have charge of the cases in the middle west; Richard A. Talbot of this city will attend to all prosecutions in the east, while the actions in the western part of the country will be under the direction of some attorney as yet unnamed, from either Denver or San Francisco.

Appeal from Decision.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The appeal of the Standard oil company from the decision of the circuit court of the district of Missouri, dissolving the corporation under the antitrust law, will be docketed in the U. S. supreme court Monday.

In view of the great importance of the case, a motion will be made on behalf of the government at that time, or on the Monday following, to advance the case for hearing, which motion, it is said, will have the concurrence of the attorneys for that company. Counsel are hopeful that the court will set the case for hearing early in March.

Stars Indeed.

"Amelia," said a stern father, holding up a letter his daughter had accidentally dropped, "I found this on the stairs. Who wrote and sent it?"

"It's—it's from Mr. Johnson," answered the girl in embarrassment.

"Indeed! And what are all these things at the foot?"

"Oh, those—er—are stars, father! Mr. Johnson is teaching me astronomy!"

Man's Deceit.

"Were you out gambling last night?" she sternly demanded.

"I will tell you the truth," he said. "I was at a seance. We sat around the table, holding hands."

He did not think it necessary to explain they were poker hands.

"Did the spirits come?" she asked, in breathless awe.

"The spirits were there," he replied.

"Did they give low cries?" she whispered.

"No," he replied; "I should describe them more as high bawls."—Baltimore Sun.

How to Treat a Wife.

An ancient Egyptian moralist, writing to his son, said: "If thou takest a wife try to make her happier than any of her women friends. She will be fondly bound to thee if the tie is sweet to her. Accord her what pleases her. She will appreciate the effort."

Haughty.

"Were you ever arrested before?" asked the magistrate, whose principal business is imposing fines for speeding.

"What do you think I've been doing all these years," asked the chauffeur—"pushing a wheelbarrow?"—Washington Star.

Osgood Lodge Elects Officers

At a special meeting of Osgood lodge No. 48, I. O. O. F., was held on Thursday evening, the following officers elected:

Noble Grand, Gardner D. Witham; Vice-Grand, William G. Drew; Recording Secretary, Charles H. Kehoe; Financial Secretary, Albert C. Plummer; Treasurer, John H. Yeaton; Trustee for three years, George B. Lord; hall committee, Charles H. Kehoe.

Takes Charge on Saturday

Mayor Adams and the new council will take the oath of office at 10 o'clock on Saturday forenoon, at city hall.

There will be but one election, that of city clerk, and the other officers will be elected the second Thursday in January.

The new board of public works will be organized and take the oath of office at 11 o'clock Saturday forenoon.

WHIST PARTY AT P. C. U. HALL

The regular whist party of the Portsmouth Catholic Union was held on Thursday evening at their hall, and the prizes were awarded as follows: Ladies, first, Miss Veronica Shea; second Mrs. George H. Sanderson. Gentlemen, first, Henry Flinn and second, Harry Sussman.

Those in charge were John W. Mates, James Brooks and Frank O'Brien.

The high wind that prevailed on Thursday drifted the snow so that it blocked the local electric road at Rye Beach. One car got blocked and it was necessary to can out the snow plow.

Good vaudeville specialties at Music Hall in connection with the Bennett and Moulton Co.

The stores will remain open on Saturday.

Boston & Maine R. R.

In Effect October 5, 1909.

FOR BOSTON—3.25, 6.25, 7.25, 8.20 10.40, 10.55 a. m., 1.52, 5.00, 6.27, 7.26 p. m. Sunday—3.25, 8.00, 10.00 a. m., 1.52, 5.00, 7.[illegible] p. m.

Returning, Leave Boston—7.30, 8.47, 9.00, 10.10 a. m., 1.00, 3.30, 4.56, 6.00, 7.00, 10.00 p. m. Sunday—8.20, 9.00 a. m., 1.15, 6.30, 7.00, 10.00 p. m.

FOR PORTLAND—9.55, 10.48 a. m., 3.51, 8.50, 11.45 p. m. Sunday—[illegible], 8.50, 11.45 p. m.

Returning, Leave Portland—7.30, [illegible] a. m., 12.15, 5.00, 6.00 p. m. Sunday—[illegible] a. m., 12.15 p. m.

FOR DOVER—5.55, 9.46 a. m., 12.26, 2.42, 5.22, 8.52 p. m. Sunday—8.25, 10.50 a. m., 8.52 p. m.

Returning, Leave Dover—6.50, 10.25 a. m., 1.10, 4.25, 6.45, 9.30 p. m. Sunday—7.30 a. m., 1.10, 9.30 p. m.

FOR MANCHESTER and CONCORD—8.30 a. m., 12.40, 5.25 p. m.

Returning, Leave Concord—7.48, 10.25 a. m., 3.30 p. m.

FOR YORK BEACH—7.40, 11.00 a. m., 3.05, 5.35 p. m.

Returning, Leave York Beach—6.40, 9.35 a. m., 1.00, 3.45 p. m.

FOR SOMERSWORTH and ROCHESTER—5.55, 9.46 a. m., 2.42, 5.22 p. m.

Returning, Leave Rochester—6.10, 7.25, 9.45 a. m., 5.23 p. m.

Atlantic Shore Line Railway

Time Table--Winter Schedule

IN EFFECT Oct. 11, '09

PORTSMOUTH.

Ferry leaves, connecting with cars

FOR ELIOT, DOVER and SOUTH BERWICK.—5.45, 6.55 a. m., and every hour until 9.55 p. m., 10.55 p. m.

*For Kennard's Corner only when there are passengers from the Ferry Landing.

Sundays—First trip 7.55 a. m.

FOR KITTERY and KITTERY POINT.—6.25, 6.55 a. m., and every half hour until 10.55 p. m.

Sundays.—First trip 7.55 a. m.

FOR YORK VILLAGE, HARBOR, and BEACH VIA P., K. & Y. DIVISION.—6.55, 10.55 a. m., 12.55, 2.55, 4.55 p. m.

Sundays—First trip 8.55 a. m.

FOR YORK VILLAGE, HARBOR, and BEACH VIA ROSEMARY.—6.55, 9.55 a. m., and every two hours until 5.55 p. m. Then 6.55, 7.55 and 9.55 p. m.

Sundays.—7.55 a. m., 9.55 a. m. and every two hours until 5.55 p. m. Then 6.55, 7.55 and 9.55 p. m.

FOR OGUNQUIT, WELLS, KENNEBUNK, BOWN HOUSE, SANFORD and BIDDEFORD VIA ROSEMARY.—6.55, 9.55 a. m., and every two hours until 3.55 p. m. Then *6.55, **7.55 and †9.55 p. m.

Sundays.—7.55, 9.55 a. m. and every two hours until 5.55 p. m. Then ‖6.55, 7.55 and †9.55 p. m.

*To Ogunquit only.
**To Town House only.
‖To Wells only.

NAVY YARD FERRY TIME TABLE

Leaves Navy Yard—8.20, 8.35, 9.15, 10.00, 10.30, 11.15, 11.45 a. m.; 1.35, 2.15, 2.45, 4.00, 4.20, 4.40, 5.00, *6.00, ‖7.45 p. m. Sundays—10.00, 10.15 a. m.; 2.15, 12.35 p. m. Holidays—9.30, 10.30, 11.30 a. m.

Leaves Portsmouth—8.25, 8.45, 9.30, 10.15, 11.00, 11.30 a. m.; 12.15, 1.45, 2.30, 3.30, 4.10, 4.30, 4.45, 5.40, *6.10, ‖10.00 p. m. Sundays—10.07 a. m.; 12.05, 12.25, 12.45 p. m. Holidays—10.00, 11.00 a. m.; 12.00 m.

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SIGNS—Some large and small signs that can be repainted to suit can be had at a bargain. Inquire at this office.

FOR SALE

Sharples' Separator, No. 2, used one year, just as good as new. Price $40.

EDGAR W. HAMMOND,
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Near Kennard's Corner.

PARTY with $100 can secure position as manager of Portsmouth district for Boston House; good pay. Address P. O. Box 1536, Boston. d27,hc,1w

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Send for copy of Year Book containing valuable information regarding the poultry business,—free. THE PARK & POLLARD COMPANY, 42 Canal Street, Boston, Mass.

INSPECTOR GENERAL RETIRES

Latest Change in the New Hampshire National Guard.

Concord, Dec. 31.—Maj. Arthur H. Knowlton of this city, assistant inspector general on the staff of the N. H. N. G., who asked to be releived from further duty with the national guard by reason of business affairs, was this morning ordered placed on the retired list with the brevet rank of lieutenant colonel.

The order was to the effect that Maj. Arthur H. Knowlton, assistant inspector general, having served the state faithfully for more than fifteen years as a commissioned officer, is through the privilege of section 71 of the militia laws of New Hampshire, 1909, placed on the retired list with the brevet rank of lieutenant colonel.

Adjutant General Harry B. Cilley is planning to go to Washington in January to attend the meeting of the National Rifle association, Jan. 12, and the National Guard association, Jan. 14.

BUCKLEY WON FIRST LEG IN POOL MATCH

The first leg in the matched pool game between Buckley and Alley was played at the Howe Parlors in Franklin block, on Thursday evening. Buckley finished ahead with 150 to Alley's 131, but Alley is not in the least discouraged and hopes to turn the tables and win out.

The largest run was 13, made by Buckley, and Alley made 12.

There was a good crowd in attendance and both made some very difficult shots.

THE BEST MAN.

At One Time He Was More Useful Than Ornamental.

Do you know how "the best man," who plays so important a part in marriages that have any pretense to be fashionable, once upon a time in Sweden occupied a position that was useful as well as ornamental?

In olden days the Swedish bridegroom found it desirable, in fact, to have several "best men" to defend him from the assaults of rivals and prevent them from carrying away his bride. The Scandinavian warrior of ancient times was far too lofty in his ideas to condescend to plead for a maiden's hand. So he patiently waited until some other man who was more gallant had obtained the fair one's consent.

Then when all the details had been nicely arranged the proud warrior, with a body of well trained retainers, dashed down on the wedding party and, if strong enough, carried away the bride.

The "best men" (and it was very essential that they should be the best men in those days) therefore became necessary fixtures to marriage ceremonies, and they were so well esteemed and their popularity became so permanent that when the reason for their existence was in course of time removed they were still retained.—Pearson's Weekly.

A HARD WORKER.

His Soiled Appearance Brought Him a Raise In Salary.

The eccentric proprietor of a large newspaper in London had a way of appearing in the composing and press rooms at the most unexpected times, and as his visits often resulted in a general shakeup of the working forces of the paper they were awaited with fear and trembling by the employees.

One time one of the pressmen, an excellent workman, who had been there many years, but was sometimes guilty of a lapse of sobriety, had a black eye and was in a quandary as to what excuse he should offer if the proprietor noticed it. By a sudden inspiration he seized an ink roller and daubed some ink on his face, quite covering the discoloration. Presently the governor came in and, with the foreman, went through the room, commenting on every detail and looking very sharply at every workman. When about to leave he suddenly pointed to the inky pressman and said "What is that man's name?"

The man quaked in his shoes until he heard the governor continue slowly "I want you to give that man 5 shillings a week more wages. He is the only man in the room who looks as if he had been working."—London Telegraph.

Bird's Sense of Direction.

The migratory instinct in birds is combined with another equally mysterious, that of the sense of direction. A gentleman engaged in scientific research work for the fishery board on board the government steamboat Golf Seeker recorded a very interesting observation he made of this characteristic of migratory bird life. An oyster catcher that was being buffeted by a head wind in its eastern flight across the North sea toward the continental shores alighted on the boat. It took kindly to the attention paid to it so long as the boat kept its easterly course, but when the course of the boat was altered a few points to the northward the bird immediately showed signs of uneasiness and after an apparent consideration of its bearings flew into the darkness of the night on its eastbound course. The alteration in the boat's course was revealed to those who were watching the bird only when the compass was examined.—Scotsman.

Norway's Many Meals.

Among the well to do in Norway the frequency of meals and lighter refreshments is something startling, at least to the average American—breakfast at 9, dinner at 3, coffee at 3:30, regular tea, with many dishes, in English style, at 4:30, supper at 7, and at 11 nature is finally fortified with further nutriment for the long, radiant night. These long, radiant nights, by the way, are a constant peril to Christiania. They encourage many forms of dissipation and immorality, much as the corresponding darkness of the long winter brings in its train a certain sordid depression, both mental and physical.—Caroline Thurber in Century.

Stage Fright.

"They tell me your husband has become one of the easiest and most graceful after dinner speakers in the city. I understand he has no end of engagements."

"Yes, and I have to sit up and give him a good dinner after every one of them."

"After every banquet?"

"Yes. When he knows they are going to call on him to speak he's always too scared to eat."—New York Journal.

Wrong Method.

He breathed his vow, yet still she regarded him with disdain.

"It is from my heart of hearts!" he protested.

"Where did you go to school that you breathe from your heart of hearts rather than from your diaphragm?" she demanded severely.—Puck.

Success.

Some men act upon the principle that in order to be successful in business it is always necessary to compel other people to wait in the anteroom.—Exchange.

Happy are the miseries that end in joy.—German Proverb.

Zelayaism and After.

In his ultimatum to Zelaya's representative in Washington Secretary Knox brandished a club. The world will be likely to know soon, if not already convinced, that a club will be needed to bring the land over which Zelaya has reigned within the zone of civilization. The force may be moral or may have to be physical and could come from native statesmen or some outside hand. Such flagrant misrule as has been reported from Nicaragua is not calculated to prepare a nation to do its own cleaning up.

The people of Nicaragua have never been zealous for civic progress as other nations understand the term. Politics is the daily occupation of the men, young and old, but sordid greed for office and spoil is back of all the activities. Nothing better could be expected from the example of a Zelaya. The Cubans took due notice of our big stick without ever feeling the weight of it. Perhaps the Nicaraguans will be the better for a wholesome sense of fear.

It is doubtless correct to say that Albert I. of Belgium will be king of a republican monarchy or of a monarchical republic. That is the status to which many of the monarchies of Europe have come and to which they are all rapidly coming.

With the combination of the Belgian parliament, press, people and king committed to the reformation of the Kongo the world will await the inauguration of the new order there with confidence.

The best thing that can be said of the moral character of Leopold, Artemus Ward has already said about that of Brigham Young. Mr. Ward treated it as a conundrum and "gave it up."

Even though Peary did stop fourteen miles short of the pole, he got near enough to look it over and shout "Howdy" across the icy waste.

No argument is necessary to prove that the price of Christmas keeps pace with the general advance.

It doesn't really matter much where Zelaya goes so long as he takes his style of government with him.

This is the season of the Christmas shopping afterthought—often more important than the original idea.

Cook can hardly be blamed for a little hesitancy in opening Copenhagen's Christmas package.

Foreign Capital In America.

The late king of Belgium held stocks of railways in this country. King Edward recently made a good turn in speculative stocks here. These instances of royalty investing capital in America are not exceptional. It is said that about $6,000,000,000 in foreign money has been brought to this country for investment during the last fifty years.

The inflow of capital from abroad began with the financing of our new railroads. The financing of American enterprises from this source will probably continue for a long time, although the relative amount may diminish. Our national wealth is now fixed at about $107,000,000,000 and will doubtless increase. The amount of foreign money at work here is too small to be of influence except as it contributes to greater productivity in certain fields and adds to our own wealth. The foreign investor gets the dividends, but the advantages of substantial development remain here.

The passing of the old king of Belgium adds still another to the list of amiable young kings on European thrones, of whom Alfonso of Spain and Manuel of Portugal are examples. These youthful monarchs have an opportunity to secure their hold on their kingdoms by a wise and temperate administration of their high office. But it will be the part of prudence for them to dwell lightly on "divine right" as the authority for their rule.

It is not an improbable outcome of the campaign forced upon England by the dispute over the Liberal budget that the stubborn house of lords may be reduced to the status of a chamber representing the peerage instead of a chamber in which every peer has a right to vote, as at present.

It would be the most fortunate thing for unhappy Nicaragua if she could in this crisis develop a leader approximating the unbending personality of Diaz of Mexico.

Quite diplomatic in the "safe and sane Fourth" people to observe the policy of silence around Christmastide.

So far the conservation of resources people haven't clamped the lid on the slaughter of Christmas trees very hard.

Those who say that there is no Santa Claus will now have to be good for a long while.

It is well to get that "Follies of 1910" hat on straight the very first time.

SEAL HUNTING.

Eskimo Methods In Dealing With the Wary Creatures.

Writing of far northern hunting methods, Harry Whitney thus describes in Outing how Eskimos kill the wary seal:

"Many seals were seen on the fresh made ice, and Eiseeyou, my head man, expressed a desire that I take charge of his dog team while he stalked some of them. Seals are extremely shy, and great caution must be practiced in approaching them. The Eskimos use a blind in the form of a miniature sledge, about eighteen inches in length by six in width, with bearskins tacked on the runners. Fore and aft are two upright crotched sticks, upon which the rifle rests and to which it is lashed. On the front of the sledge a crossbar sustains two long perpendicular sticks, over which a piece of white cloth is stretched, or when that is not attainable bareskin is substituted. Through a hole in this cloth screen the muzzle of the rifle protrudes.

"Holding his blind before him, he was enabled to walk within 300 or 400 yards of a seal without starling it. Then he dropped on his hands and knees and pushed the little sledge before him. Thus hidden behind the cloth screen, which so blended with the ice as to arouse in the seal no suspicion of danger, he approached within fifty yards before shooting. Seals always lie close to their holes, and it is necessary to hit them in the head or under the shoulder and have the bullet penetrate the heart and kill them instantly; otherwise they will dop into the hole and sink before it is possible to reach them."

NORWAY'S BILL OF FARE.

Fish and Boiled Potatoes Served Day After Day.

"As we sat cozily before the cheerful blaze," writes Caroline Thurber in a delightful account of "A Motor Invasion of Norway" in the Century, "we indulged in mathematical calculations and found that we had eaten forty-two consecutive meals of fish, with potatoes never otherwise than boiled. One of the women of our party once cried from her soul to a sympathetic looking host, 'Why, oh, why, are there no chickens in Norway?'

"'There are, madam, but they are for laying purposes.'

"'Then why, oh, why, do you always boil your potatoes?'

"'We are different from you, madam. We don't like them mealy. We prefer to know a potato as a potato when we eat it.'

"In our passage through the country we had certainly encountered new and unpalatable foods, but we were always nourished, for good milk, butter and eggs were everywhere at hand, and we developed powers of digestion previously undreamed of. Even so, the supper menu staggered us—cold beef, sausages, three kinds; raw salmon, pickled anchovies, shrimps, cold fried fish, cold fish pudding, cold meats, five varieties of cheese, pickles, oranges, and gooseberry marmalade, tea, four kinds of raised bread, flat bread with caraway, English biscuit, Norwegian rusks, fried eggs, hot stew (variety unrecognized) and boiled potatoes."

A Week of Blunders.

Sir William Harcourt once told me that he had dined out every night for a whole week in advance of his invitation. He discovered his mistake only on the last night, when on going to dine with some people who gave long invitations and large dinners he found them alone. After a very pleasant evening he thanked them for asking him in so friendly a manner, whereupon they explained that the invitation had been for a week later, but that they had been only too delighted at his mistake. On hearing this Sir William looked at his engagement book and discovered that this was the last of a number of invitations which he had anticipated by a week.—"Memories of Fifty Years," by Lady St. Helier.

Tiny Work.

Mark Scallot, a blacksmith, in 1578, in the twentieth year of Queen Elizabeth's reign, made a lock consisting of eighteen pieces of steel, iron and brass, with a hollow key to it, that altogether weighed but one grain of gold. He also made a gold chain, composed of forty-three links, which he fastened to the lock and key. In the presence of the queen he put the chain about the neck of a flea, which drew it with ease, after which he put the lock and key, flea and chain into a pair of scales, and they together weighed but one grain and a half. This is vouched for by an old writer.

Impossible.

A lusty lunged auctioneer was holding forth in flowery terms on the virtues of a particular brand of cigars he was endeavoring to induce his audience to purchase. Holding up a box of cigars, he shouted: "You can't get better, gentlemen. I don't care where you go, you can't get better!"

"No," came a cynical voice from a man in the crowd, "you can't. I smoked one last week and I'm not better yet!"—People.

That Wheezy Sound.

"Say," inquired the boy next door of the little girl whose father suffered from asthma, "what makes your father wheeze so?"

"I guess it's one of his inside organs playing."—Puck.

Tommy's Share.

"Well, Tommy, what part of the chicken will you have?"

"Why, paw, you know I always take the back when there's company."—St. Louis Republic.

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD

Because of the ever-increasing demand for food supplies, due principally to the fact that the population of cities and thickly settled communities is growing in a faster ratio than the agricultural production of the country, the output from the farms of New England is bound to grow enormously during the next decade.

Shrewd handlers of real estate recognize that the greater demand for farms will result in enhanced price and are carefully taking advantageous properties, and wide awake farmers are preparing for larger and more diversified crops.

The railroads of the section appreciate that a period of development has approached and will extend satisfactory shipping facilities as business grows. In all directions enlarged transactions will call for changed and improved conditions.

One particular feature must have marked attention, in order that the people may be ready to take advantage of the coming opportunities as they arise—that is, improving their marketing and selling facilities.

In this respect the northeastern section of the country is far behind all other parts of the United States in its methods of doing business at the commercial centres.

The average New England farmer, with his first shipment, selects a firm of commission dealers, and, without inquiry, forwards a consignment of fruit or vegetables. In five cases out of ten he is outrageously robbed. Disgusted and disheartened he makes no further effort to market his goods in a large city, but relies on local demands, thus securing but a small part of what his product is actually worth when properly handled.

This statement should not lead to the assumption that there are no honest commission dealers in Boston and other large cities. On the contrary, there are dozens of them. It is also true, and lamentable, that there are dozens of dishonest ones and there is no possible way to discriminate between the two classes—and the dishonest ones actually are throttling an important industry, which should be developed with leaps and bounds.

Recently a New Hampshire farmer shipped, among other things, twenty-six barrels of turnips to a Boston house unknown to him. The vegetables were of excellent quality and the farmer enjoys a high reputation. He was allowed 25 cents per barrel, notwithstanding the fact that the cheapest turnips in the market have brought not less than $1 per barrel this season.

The grower cannot prove his case, because, not suspecting dishonesty, he took no measures to establish the quality of his product before shipping.

During November a Kennebunk fisherman consigned several barrels of prime herring to a Boston house. He was allowed $3.50 per barrel gross for them, leaving him net $2.90. A friend called at the office of the commission house two days later and was quoted $7 as the price of prime herring per barrel.

Numerous other transactions of a similar character could be quoted.

The remedy lies wholly and solely with the producers. Either through the work of individuals, or the Grange, business unions should be formed and a salaried representative appointed to attend to the proper distribution of products on arrival in Boston.

The unions need not look after the marketing, but their representative could see that the returns were just and that sales were made with reasonable dispatch. The right man would earn his wage for the season in a week and the agricultural conditions of the section would be vastly improved.

This method has been tried in various parts of the country, invariably with success, and always to the discomfiture of the dishonest commission dealers and to the benefit of the honest ones.

Some such method is essential for the proper growth of the business of farmers with the larger communities and when it is done it will redound to the good of all. Until a definite and progressive plan is adopted half the farmers of New England will continue to be unfairly and unjustly treated, despite the efforts of friendly interests—railroads and others—to improve conditions and enlarge the sphere of production.

The development of great railroad systems across the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific, at the same time stretching north and south to the lakes and the gulf and coming in contact at many points, serves to link together in continuous strands of communication many transportation lines that were originally local or fragmentary parts of a web that had to await the growth of the country for completion. It makes the national system of railroad transportation more effective and economical, but it brings control into the hands of a few groups of powerful capitalists, which may become allied by a "community of interest" and a common purpose, dominating the whole business of internal communication. It seems to be irresistible in its progress.

In twenty-one months 7714 of the 63,500 employes of the railroads in New York City have been injured. This would mean that on an average each employe is injured once in every eight years of service.

New Year's Cheer

Your New Year's cheer may go with a card, book, calendar, stationery.

Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Ribbons, Neckwear, Belts, Jewelry with which our counters are well supplied.

Where comfortable clothing is needed Blankets, Underwear, Hosiery, Bath Robes, Dress Materials and Furs will double the Christmas cheer.

THE D. F. BORTHWICK STORE

THE PORTSMOUTH HERALD

CITY BRIEFS

Goodby 1909.

The last day of 1909.

Below zero at midnight.

The ice man is smiling.

Ring out the old ring in the new.

Northern Turkeys at Cater and Benfield's market.

The firemen will dance it out tonight.

Fresh lettuce at Cater and Benfield's market.

Plenty of winter weather all around.

Nothing doing in police court circles today.

Fancy mixed Cookies, 2 lbs for 25c, at Cater and Benfield's.

See "The College Girl" at Music Hall tonight.

Moonlight sleighing parties now have the call.

Best quality onions only 25c per pk., at Cater and Benfield's.

What is the water wagon going to have for heat?

A move is on to have the water wagon decorated.

Seeded prunes, 2 lbs. only 25c at Cater and Benfield's.

Thursday was one of the coldest days of the winter, with a biting wind.

The new city hall will be something for the new city council.

Order your Sunday dinner by telephone 254, Smart's Market.

Will it be a picked crew for the new life net on the fire department?

Smoke the Warwick 10c cigar, Ed. Brown manufacturer, 38 Market St

The only way to learn what is going on in the city is to read the Herald.

Have your shoes repaired at John Mott's, corner Fleet and Porter Sts.

Extra help has been employed by the street department since the storm.

Our Table Board can't be beat for $3.50. in Portsmouth. Stuart's, Fleet St., Restaurant. d28,hc,4t

Fresh pork loins only 16c per lb. at Cater and Benfield's market Saturday.

Cater and Benfield are selling Silas Pierce and Co. Suffolk canned vegetables at only 10c a can.

"The College Girl" tonight at Music hall will prove a delightful amusement for the evening.

Pure Horseradish only 10c per bottle at Cater and Benfield's Saturday.

We cater to particular people at prices that suit every one. Smart's Market, Deer and Vaughan Sts.

Beef roasts from 16c up at Cater and Benfield's market Saturday.

Beginning Saturday, Jan. 1, tea will be served every afternoon from twelve to six o'clock at the "Art Shop," corner State and Fleet Sts.

A clearing out sale of trimmed hats, every hat at reduced prices, on Saturday, January 1st, 1910. 51 Congress St., Miss Flynn.

Best regular Dinner in city for 25c Stuart's, Fleet St., Restaurant. d28,hc, 4t

Borden's Eaporated Milk, small size, 6 cans for 25c, large size, 3 cans for 25c, at Cater and Benfields.

TO LET—Furnished front room. Apply 12 State street. d31,hc,1w

THE PORTSMOUTH COAL COMPANY

Name to be Dropped in the New Year

Beginning tomorrow, January 1, the firm name of the Portsmouth Coal company will change to that of the Consolidation Coal company which has for some time controlled the business. Since the days when the late J. Albert Walker conducted the business the name has changed many times.

It was first J. A. and A. W. Walker, second the A. W. Walker Coal company, third the Portsmouth Coal company and lastly the Consolidation Coal company.

All signs on the buildings and on delivery wagons are now being changed to the latest name adopted by the owners.

RAILROAD NOTES

Much sorrow is expressed among the railroad men here over the death of Conductor Daniel Mahoney, who passed away at his home in Boston on Thursday, after a short illness of pneumonia. Conductor Mahoney was one of the most faithful workers in this branch of the work.

The largest crew of linemen that have been together for several years are clearing up the wrecked telegraph and telephone lines west of Newburyport along the eastern division of the Boston and Maine railroad.

George F. Morrill, who concluded his duties at York Harbor, owing to the suspension of service for the next three months, will on Monday begin work with the force of telegraph operators at the depot here, and will be assigned to the last trick from 11 p. m. to 7 a. m.

PORTSMOUTH GOT THE MOST

At the port of Alexandria, Va., it cost $1,224 to collect $10; at Crisfield, Md., $3,286 to collect $95, at Portsmouth, N. H., $3,573 to collect $221.65; at Egg Harbor, N. J., $4,221 to collect $167.09, and at Annapolis $956 to collect $3.09.—New York Tribune.

Still, this comparatively trifling waste is not what makes the Ultimate Consumer hot about the tariff system.—New York Herald.

A HEART PARTY

Miss Marguerite Emery entertained a select party of friends at her home on Union street Thursday evening.

Hearts were played, Miss Gladys Potter winning first prize for the ladies and Mr. Harold Parker first prize for the gentlemen.

ATE YOUNG PIG

Frank Newick presented a young pig to the P. A. C. gridiron club on Thursday evening. About twenty members enjoyed a spread consisting of the pig with spaghetti and all the fixings.

BOSTON PARTY COMING

H. Fisher Eldredge has been entertaining a committee of Boston men who will hold their annual outing on Jan. 12. The party will number some fifty members.

AT NAVY YARD

Sterling to Be Here for Repairs

The List of Successful Apprentices

The Other News from the Yard and Station

The Matter of Yard Towing

In the matter of a regular tug for this yard and station, it appears that the navy department has no small tug available to send here unless one is built or purchased. It is likely that the Patapsco will remain here for some time yet and should the boat be taken from the yard the towing is then likely to go to civilian towboats as the navy depart has requested figures for the work from the Piscataqua Navigation Company.

New Wage Schedule Posted

The new schedule of wages recommended by the board recently arrived from the department today and was posted in the several departments this afternoon.

Vacation Days

Foreman laborer M. H. Bickford and foreman sparmaker Charles A. Wendell are enjoying a vacation from their duties.

No Work on Saturday

Tomorrow, January 1, the holiday, will be observed at the yard and no work will be carried out in any departpart. The yard ferry No. 132 will make regular holiday trips to and from the yard.

The Station Here Was All Right

During the last storm, the wireless station at the yard was one of the few stations on the New England coast that stood the gale and worked in perfect shape throughout the blizzard.

Living High at the Islands

John Foday, for eight years one of the crew of electrical workers in the yards and docks department, writes that he is enjoying the winter immensely at Bermuda. John is classed among the hustlers in Camp Schley and the Veteran Firemen's association and those bodies expect a few illustrated lectures on life in the islands when the genial John gets back to the states.

Improving Water Lines on Pier

The water lines of the yard are being extended out on the flatiron pier. Under the new arrangement of the yard water system ships tied up at this pier will not be obliged to take necessary ship water from hydrants as has been the custom heretofore.

To Repair the Sterling

The U. S. S. Sterling which is expected here with a cargo of coal next month is in need of much repairing and Captain Wilner has arranged to keep the vessel at the yard till these repairs, a list of which are now in the hands of the department, are completed.

Boys Who Will Learn Trade

As a result of the recent examination of apprentices the following boys were successful: Harry J. Rand and George B. Fernald machinists, Harold Winn shipwright, Charles B. Plumer plumber, Francis T. McDermott boilermaker, Walter M. Chick coppersmith, Paul Kiley shipfitter. The boys were notified today of the result and ordered to report for duty on Monday, January 3.

They Are Hunting up More Work

The officials at the yard, who are at the heads of the several departments and divisions are interesting themselves in the matter of more work for the yard and it is likely that some of the recently discharged hands will later find employment there.

Returned from Vacation

George H. Donnison, rodman in the yards and docks, has returned from a visit to Massachusetts.

May Improve the Station Apparatus

It is rumored that a better equipment will be installed at the wireless station which will enable the force of operators there to do better long distance work.

Anxious to Start It

The yard officials at this yard are anxiously awaiting the establishment of this accounting department at this station. It is expected that one of the corps of paymasters now at the school at Boston yard working out this plan may come here before many days.

PERSONALS

Will Reed of Dover was in Portsmouth on Thursday.

Miss Katherine Cronin is spending her vacation in Boston.

Hon. A. M. Foss of Dover was in Portsmouth on Thursday.

Charles A. Wendell and grandson passed the day in Boston.

Mrs. John Pearson left today for a visit at Haverhill, Mass.

Mr. Charles A. Towle who has been visiting in Nashua, has returned home.

Frank Grant is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Edwin F. Merrow, in Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ham of Hill street have returned from a visit in Exeter.

Frank Feuerhahn of Boston, formerly of this city, is passing a few days here.

Mrs. and Mrs. George Morrill left today for a visit over Sunday at Hanover, N. H.

Vincent H. Mattison, the barber, has been called to Vermont by the death of his father.

Mrs. Austin Kautz and son sailed on Wednesday for Europe, where they will visit for the next year.

Mrs. Ida A. Newick, who has been visiting her parents on Islington street, returned home on Thursday.

J. Mahlon Bickford passed Thursday in Boston, the guest of Col. W. C. Ham of the Boston Custom house.

Miss May Heffenger of Cornell university is passing the holidays at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Heffenger.

Fred Manson of Auburn, N. Y., is in the city today, called here by the funeral of Horace P. Kent. He will return to his duties at Albany tonight.

Mrs. Annie Wholley, who has been quite ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wilbur B. Shaw, is much improved, which is pleasing news to her many friends.

Mrs. Woodbury Langdon, who passed Christmas with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred L. Elwyn of Pleasant street, has returned to her winter home in New York city.

Secretary Alfred O. Booth, Edgar Crossman, Stanley Trafton and Chester Conlon were at Manchester on Thursday where the Manchester Young Men's Christian Association boys entertained the member of this year's camp at Tuftonboro. They saw the sights of the city in the day and had a banquet in the evening at which Mr. Booth was one of the speakers.

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In the southeastern part of the local councils will combine with Alpha council of Portsmouth, and meet here on Jan. 20.

It will be the first time that a supreme regent has visited New Hampshire and special arrangements are being made for the occasion.

NO HOLIDAY TOMORROW

It Will Be a Working Day Generally In This City

The Portsmouth merchants have voted to keep their stores open tomorrow, on account of it being Saturday, and the greater number of the other establishments about the city will be running.

The street cars on both sides of the river will observe the usual working day schedule instead of a holiday arrangement.

In common with the general run of local business places the Herald office will be open tomorrow and you will want to buy a Herald in the afternoon in order to get the day's news.

Don't forget 34th annual concert and ball of Kearsarge Engine Company, New Year's Eve. Freeman's Hall. Ladies are invited.

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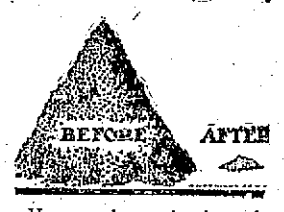

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NOTICE

January 1st being a Legal Holiday the Banks of the city will be closed for business on that day.

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Nat. Mechanics and Traders Bank.
New Hampshire National Bank.
Portsmouth Savings Bank.
Piscataqua Savings Bank.
Portsmouth Trust and Guarantee Co.

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